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Chinese diver drowns at Grotto

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» 3 others are rescued

A Chinese diver drowned while three others were rescued by the Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety personnel at the Grotto in Marpi on Saturday afternoon.

DPS Commissioner James C. DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Yong Jin Ding, 33, male, of Beijing, China, was pronounced dead at 9:07pm by Dr. Florence Schender at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Ding's companions were two

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KAN PACIFIC SUPPORTERS

Supporters sign petitions and letters to the Legislature, including a wall of signatures, to express their support for the renewal of Kan Pacific's land lease for Marianas Resort & Spa during a public rally on Saturday at the Minachom Atdao pavilion in Susupe.

DAISY DEMAPAN

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FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON

DLNR-Division of Fish and Wildlife director Manny Pangelinan holds one of three baby Black Tip Reef sharks that were found without fins and tails on the beach in Garapan last Saturday.

Finless baby sharks found dead

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Three dead juvenile sharks without their fins and tails were found at the beach near the 13 Fishermen's pavilion in Garapan last Saturday morning.

ing—a violation of CNMI law that prohibits shark finning.

While participating in the International Coastal Cleanup, a group of volunteers found two of the young sharks on the sand, while another was found inside a trash can.

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France mourns, seeks clues those behind attacks

By ANGELA CHARLTON and JAMEY KEATEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS (AP)—Thousands of French troops deployed around Paris on Sunday and tourist sites stood shuttered in one of the most visited cities on Earth while investigators questioned the relatives of a suspected suicide bomber involved in the country's deadliest violence since World War II.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks on a stadium, a concert hall and Paris cafes that left 129 people dead and over 350 wounded, 99 of them seriously.

The attack had global impact. Security was heightened across France, across Europe's normally open borders, even across

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'Local match needed for go ahead on harbor studies'

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REPORTER

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official discussed with acting governor Ralph DLG Torres on Thursday the status of feasibility studies for re-

pairs and upgrades to the Tinian and Rota harbors.

Derek J. Chow, chief of the Civil and Public Works branch, said they need a local match to federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 dollars to move ahead with the study.

In an interview, Chow noted how the reported large number of close-outs—hazardous wave conditions that prevent barges from entering Rota harbor—has called for additional upgrades. He also noted that the Tinian

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One hundred fifty tickets were sold to benefit the Make-A-Wish fundraiser.

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The indiscriminate taking of so many lives squeezed life out of Paris itself.

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The Eiffel Tower stood dark in a symbol of mourning Saturday night.

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ANTI-POVERTY PANEL HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

'Transition more into workforce'

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The special commission on economic opportunity held its inaugural meeting Thursday, with officials focusing on ideas to increase the number of local residents moving into the labor force and strengthening an understanding of the CNMI's economic plight, according to interviews with officials after the meeting. The commission still must define and narrow its objectives but the meeting was

a productive first step, officials told *Saipan Tribune*.

The meeting on Capital Hill was the first for a commission formed by Gov. Eloy S. Inos to define "poverty" and combat it in the CNMI. For one, administration officials have described available unemployment rates as "soft numbers." Labor statistics have relied on comparing the total number of U.S. citizens age 16 and over and the number of unemployed U.S. workers in the CNMI to come up with a 24-percent unemployment rate. However, the data does not include the unemployment rate for lawful permanent residents.

The CNMI also lacks unemployment insurance, which is the national metric to count those seeking jobs but who remain unemployed, *Saipan Tribune* learned. Stumbling blocks to vocation skills training also exist. Low-income locals from here and from Micronesia lack transportation to and from school and job placement areas, according to Northern Marianas Technical Institute education director Vic Cepeda.

In an interview, Nutrition Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas said he shared some data meant toward helping out low-income families in the CNMI. He also told *Saipan Tribune* of an initiative to progressively disqualify applicants from assistance if they don't comply with worker registration requirements set in tandem with the Department of Labor.

"It's basically looking at how to transition from poverty to self-sufficiency," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

"This is an inaugural meeting. So we are going to have to identify what is actually poverty as it relates to the CNMI community and find some measures to improve and help families or adults in the household find jobs and become productive citizens. ... The administration believes the [Food and Nutrition Program] can play a huge role in the commissions' efforts, even more so than other local housing assistance programs," Macaranas said.

Right now, there is no confirmed objective yet "until everybody gets together and comes to a decision with how to move forward, but what I've actually shared [is how]... we want our adults to be responsible in terms of making sure they comply with program requirements."

"We do have individuals in the program that we consider as able-bodied individuals," Macaranas said. These are those between the ages of 18 to 45 who are physically and

mentally fit to work who are identified in NAP application and referred to the Department of Labor as part of a "work registration program."

Macaranas disclosed they are working on a "disqualification initiative" to spur a responsible move into the workforce. He said a memorandum of understanding will be signed near the end of the month between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the CNMI government, with implementation in the coming months.

Right now, participants who do not comply with these requirements will be disqualified from NAP participation for a whole month.

Macaranas said he wants applicants to know it is a "responsibility on their part that this program is not a program that we would rely on permanently. ... That it is a temporary program," he said. "So we have increased the disqualifications. We have a progressive disqualification initiative. That means if a participant has a first violation of work registration, the first offense will be three months disqualification and then the second offense will be six months disqualification, and then third offense would be permanent disqualification."

Filter out contract workers

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Salblan said the filtering out contract workers who are qualified for H-visas will open up an incentive employment for local workers.

"This is what the CW program is about. It's allowing the transition of workforce from the level we had previously to getting those individuals that would qualify under the H-visa system out of the CW system," he said.

Sablan said there are many contractors and professionals in the CW program who would qualify for the H-2 category visa.

"... We feel that if you filtered all these individuals out—first of all, the foreign national workers is compensated exponentially for his skill set and expertise."

And so you are pulling a lot of those individuals out of poverty immediately, but secondly you are providing an opportunity for a U.S. citizen local to look at that job now and say, 'Oh wow, a journeyman electrician is getting compensated at prevailing wages.'"

"And there is a difference. There is a minimum wage of the Commonwealth and there's prevailing wage under the federal system under an H-visa system. And so what I think you do is you give locals something to

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Federal court issues arrest warrant for Ryan Babauta

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued Friday a warrant for the arrest of ex-convict Ryan Taitano Babauta after the U.S. Probation Office asked for the revocation of his probation for allegedly using methamphetamine or "ice" and for violating other probation conditions.

» Probationer allegedly admits using 'ice' again, other violations

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola told the federal court on Thursday that Babauta admitted using "ice" on Sept. 6 and 30, 2015, as well as on Oct. 14 and 27, 2015.

Babauta also failed to report to the U.S. Probation Office on Sept. 8, 2015, and on Oct. 2 and 5, 2015, Arriola said.

Babauta also allegedly failed to report to counseling sessions on Oct. 13 and Nov. 4, 5, and 11. He also failed to report for a random drug test on Nov. 3, 7, and 10, 2015.

Arriola said that Babauta

blamed many factors for his use of "ice" and violating other conditions: that he had argument with his girlfriend, a flat car tire, stress about personal matters, losing track of time, and relationship and housing issues.

Last Feb. 27, the federal court imposed a time served sentence on Babauta for not complying with his supervision conditions.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter placed Babauta on 52 months of supervised release.

Last Aug. 24, U.S. Arriola submitted a report to the court because Babauta allegedly admitted to using "ice" and failed to report to a random drug test and counseling session.

At the Aug. 25 hearing, the parties agreed not to revoke Babauta's probation and instead hold the matter in abeyance. Carter granted the request and set a status confer-

ence for Dec. 7, 2015.

In January 2014, the court revoked Babauta's supervised release and slapped him with a six-month prison term for using illegal drugs and violating other terms of his probation.

Babauta was among seven prisoners who staged a 14-hour hostage drama at the Department of Corrections in Susupe in March 2009. At the time, he was serving a prison term for involuntary manslaughter for killing Bangladeshi national in Chalan Kanoa.

In August 1999, the federal court slapped Babauta with a 180-month prison sentence and five years of supervised release, for hostage taking and felon in possession of a firearm. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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shoot for," he said.

Sablan added, "They see a job that is \$15 an hour... So they go and get that expertise and then they come back and get that job that's being compensated and paid at the level that is required. What I am suggesting here is nothing new. It is the law today. CW visa holders that can avail for a H-visa must move to the H-visa system, according to the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008.

"So we feel that the quick wins of pushing people from poverty above the poverty level could be done by just following the CRNA law and implementing visas as required by the law.

"...Now, does an employer want to get an H-1 visa? Maybe not. Maybe they want to look at hiring a U.S. citizen worker. Or we get out of the idea that people have to have individual accountants at their facilities and now you start farming out the jobs to professional organizations who will hire more U.S. citizen workers, say, at an accounting firm.

"It snowballs. You now give U.S. citizen jobs greater opportunity, because now they have to be compensated at the prevailing wage and not at the CW level, which in large part is a minimum wage level position," Sablan said.

Right questions

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman echoed a data-driven approach.

In an interview, Rabauliman described as "segmented" the different services provided by the government and private businesses.

He said they need to "collect

the right data" and "ask the right questions" to standardize and work off the same "poverty line, whatever it is defined as and collaborate to bring necessary solutions to fight poverty."

"Like the prevailing wage [survey] that was done," he said. "It was just asking households, how many in the household work or doesn't work, without specific questions as to what may be the reasons they are not working. Is it because they are underage? Overage? Still in high school? It wasn't specific. Not necessarily the right questions were asked to clearly define unemployment."

Sablan also pushed for an economic strategic team for the local government.

"We've been advocating as a Chamber that the CNMI should have an economist and a team behind him or her that is studying any and all of these policy decisions that are being made, analyzing them, bringing statistics, indices, metrics, and data to the table and so that they can articulate how this policy gets implemented, so that there is a strategy behind it.

"It's scientific. It's particular. It's a measured process," he said. "We feel that having a good economist on board and a team behind him or her would help the administration, help government in general, and really the public sector understand where we are economically. Maybe manage the data stream that we have a little more efficiently.

"And so that when somebody is looking to invest the Commonwealth, they can analyze the impact of their decision based on metrics that are established because we have a professional economist making sure that it's there for us."

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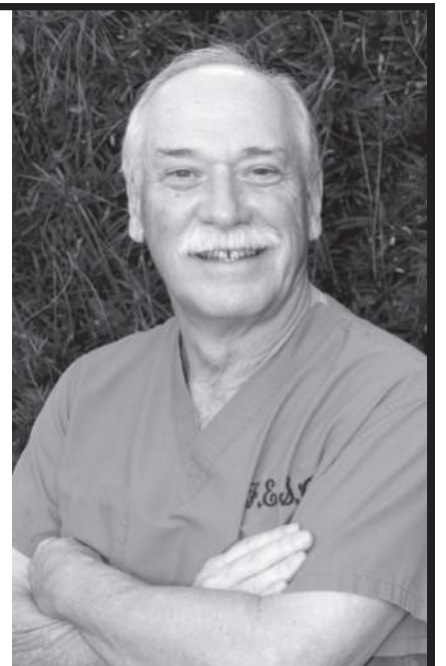
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Man arrested in Agrigan for alleged shooting incident

A man was arrested in Agrigan for an alleged shooting incident last week, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

According to a source, the

suspect, identified as Jose R. Selepeo, was escorted by two police officers aboard a helicopter to Saipan on Wednesday afternoon, but was

released the following day because of lack of evidence to support the charges.

The source said police released Selepeo because there

was no witness and no gun was found.

The source said the allegation was that the suspect was shooting at some people but

nobody was hurt.

When asked for information about the alleged shooting incident, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said he will release more details about

that case during a press briefing today, Monday.

Agrigan is a densely forested island north of Saipan. There are about three to five families who live there. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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the ocean to New York, and how to respond to the Paris attacks became a key point among U.S. Democratic presidential hopefuls at a debate Saturday night.

Countries around the world doused their national buildings in the French colors of blue, white and red to honor the victims—or, like the Eiffel Tower and New York’s Empire State Building, went dark to express their sorrow.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said three groups of attackers, including seven suicide bombers wearing identical vests containing the explosive TATP, carried out the attacks that began as Parisians enjoyed a night out Friday.

The tentacles of the investigation reach well beyond France. The attackers mentioned Syria and Iraq, the Paris prosecutor said. Authorities in Belgium arrested three people in raids linked to the Paris attacks. A Syrian passport found next to the body of a man who attacked France’s national stadium appeared to suggest he passed through Greece into the European Union last month.

With 3,000 extra troops being mobilized to protect Paris, French authorities labored Sunday to identify the suicide bombers and hunt potential accomplices still at large. French authorities are particularly concerned about the threat from hundreds of French Islamic radicals known to have spent time in Syria.

Details about one attacker began to emerge: 29-year-old

Frenchman Ismael Mostefai, who had a record of petty crime and had been flagged in 2010 for ties to Islamic radicalism. He was identified from fingerprints found on a finger amid the bloody carnage from a Paris concert hall, the Paris prosecutor said. A judicial official and lawmaker Jean-Pierre Gorges confirmed his identity.

Police detained his father, brother and other relatives Saturday night, and they were still being questioned Sunday, the judicial official said, on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Officials in Greece, meanwhile, said the passport’s owner entered Oct. 3 through Leros, one of the eastern Aegean islands that tens of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty have been using as a gateway into Europe.

Belgian authorities raided a Brussels neighborhood and arrested three people near its border with France after a car with Belgian license plates was seen close to Paris’ Bataclan theater, where at least 89 people died in a hailstorm of bullets.

A French judicial official says a Seat car with suspected links to gun attacks on Paris bars and restaurants was found by police in Montreuil, a suburb 6 kilometers (nearly 4 miles) east of the French capital. The official spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity because she was not publicly authorized to speak.

In a statement claiming responsibility, the Islamic State group called Paris “the capital of prostitution and obscenity” and mocked France’s air at-

tacks on suspected IS targets in Syria and Iraq.

French President Francois Hollande vowed that France would wage “merciless” war on the Islamic State group and declared three days of national mourning that began Sunday. He raised the nation’s security to its highest level and banned all public demonstrations until Thursday.

The president said France, already bombing Islamic State targets in a U.S.-led coalition, would increase its military efforts to crush IS.

Struggling to keep his country calm and united after an exceptionally violent year, Hollande was meeting Sunday with opposition leaders—conservative rival and former President Nicolas Sarkozy as well as increasingly popular far-right leader Marine Le Pen, who has used the attacks on Paris to advance her anti-immigrant agenda.

The entire nation was enveloped in mourning. Flags were lowered and Notre Dame Cathedral—closed to tourists like many Paris sites—planned a special church service Sunday for families of the victims. Well-wishers heaped flowers and notes on a monument to the dead in the neighborhood where teams of attackers sprayed gunfire on cafe diners and concert-goers.

Parisian Quentin Bongard said he left one of the targeted cafes after a fight with his girlfriend just moments before the attacks.

“Those are all places that I go often to,” he said, still shaken with emotion. “We just want to come here, bring flowers, because we don’t

Pangelinan said.

Public Law 17-27 was signed in 2011, making the Commonwealth the first U.S. territory to ban shark finning. The law states that “it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute shark fins in the CNMI.”

“Any person found in violation of this Act shall be fined not less than \$5,000 but not more than \$30,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months,” the law states.

Federal law also prohibits shark finning since 2000, with shark conservation further strengthened through the Shark Conservation Act of 2010.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or NOAA Fisheries, “the Shark Conservation Act requires that all sharks in the United States, with one exception, be brought to shore with their fins naturally attached.”

“If we catch anybody doing

want to be terrorized ... but it is frightening.”

Yet even in their grief, residents were defiant about the lifestyle that has made their city a world treasure. Olivier Bas was among several hundred who gathered late Saturday at the site of the Bataclan concert hall massacre. Although Paris was quiet and jittery, Bas intended to go out for a drink—to show that they won’t win.”

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for several recent attacks. On Thursday, twin suicide bombings in Beirut killed at least 43 people and wounded more than 200, and 26 people died Friday in Baghdad in a suicide blast and a roadside bombing that targeted Shiites. The militant group also said it bombed a Russian plane that crashed in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula on Oct. 31, killing 224 people.

French Muslim groups firmly denounced all the attacks. Some are concerned about a backlash against France’s overwhelmingly moderate Muslim community.

Elsewhere in Europe, refugees fleeing to the continent by the tens of thousands feared that the Paris attacks will prompt EU nations to throw up even more border fences and other obstacles to their quest to start a new life.

“This is the same act of terrorism like they act in Syria or Iraq,” said Zebur Akram, a 29-year-old Iraqi refugee trudging through Slovenia, said of the IS attacks on Paris.

Refugees now “will be considered as probable attackers,” said Abdul Selam, a 31-year-old from Syria.

shark finning, we’ll be prosecuting [them] to the fullest,” Pangelinan said, adding that they will continue to look into the matter. “We will continue to monitor because we don’t have any lead at this time.”

He said this was the first time he was notified of such an activity on the Beach Road side but hopes it will be the last.

Pangelinan urged the public to report cases like these to DFW.

“We just want to ask the public that if they have any information leading to shark finning activity, to please contact us. We appreciate the public’s assistance in providing any type of information leading to any type of poaching and especially this kind of incident,” Pangelinan said.

Shark finning causes tens of millions of sharks to die a slow death each year. Some starve to death, get eaten by other fish, or drown.

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tourists and one dive guide. All are Chinese nationals.

“This case is still under investigation and DPS will be releasing more information tomorrow,” Deleon Guerrero said.

He said DPS received a report of overdue divers at the Grotto shortly after 5pm. DPS Boating Safety personnel were dispatched to the scene and two beacon lights were seen in the waters east of the Grotto cliff line.

A Boating Safety boat was launched out of the Smiling Cove Marina to perform a rescue operation, while the U.S. Coast Guard out of Guam readied a helicopter for response.

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harbor’s breakwater—a sheet pile with rubble around it—is “very deteriorated and provides minimal protection” for vessels.

At the same time, Chow said the Inos administration also asked the Army Corps for assistance on reconfiguring the defunct Outer Cove Marina, erosion control at Managaha, and reconstructing damaged or destroyed infrastructure after Typhoon Soudelor. Chow said he expects a formal letter from Torres on these requests.

The harbor feasibility study is a three-year study with a total cost to the CNMI government at about \$1 million, Chow said. This amount can be broken up into annual increments.

“We’ve had federal money [for fiscal year 2015] but we haven’t had local money, but as soon as we get their money we’ll be able to get our 2015 and 2016 dollars,” Chow told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the administration signed an agreement with the Army Corps in September on the feasibility, design, and construction phases of the project, and that congressional authorization is needed to get from the feasibility to the construction phases.

“We are in the feasibility study. The feasibility report or study we are going to do refers to the engineering, the conceptual design. We are going to prepare cost estimates...we are going to do all the environmental studies and analysis and likely be producing an environmental impact statement. And we are also going to do the cost and economic analysis.

“All that is going to be rolled up into a report so we can recommend to Congress whether this is something worthy of federal investment or not. So that’s

the whole purpose of this feasibility study—to do enough of the design, do enough of the environmental, do enough of the cost analysis so we can make a recommendation to Congress if this is something Congress should invest in,” he added.

Chow said if there is positive indication that Congress will invest in the project, the report will be forwarded to Congress and the Army Corps will proceed to design and then to construction once Congress has authorized the project.

Chow could not disclose where the Inos administration will get the money for the local match but gave a timeline of “probably sometime next week” on the funding coming in.

Other initiatives

Chow said Torres has asked for assistance in looking at what the federal government can do to reconfigure the Outer Cove Marina to make it more efficient.

“He is writing a letter right now,” he said, adding that Torres has asked for help with Managaha and erosion. “Sending a letter allows us to seek federal funding to provide assistance.

“...That exposed shoreline [on Managaha] is being eroded by waves and currents. So he wants us to look at what is possible in trying to reduce or abate that erosion.

First we’d do an engineering study on what direction the waves come from and then we’ll propose options—even at the marina,” he said.

For Managaha, the Army Corps will look at what kind of structures can be built or if it’s possible to use natural means like vegetation to slow down or stop the erosion, Chow said.

He said the administration has also asked for federal assistance in reconstruction after Typhoons Soudelor and is gathering all federal agencies to see “what they can do” about this.

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The incident was immediately reported to the Division of Fish and Wildlife of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Responding to the report, representatives of the DLNR-DFW, including division director Manny Pangelinan and biologist Michael Tenorio, visited the site to investigate.

“It’s been reported to me by Ms. Rita Chong from Best Sunshine’s outreach people that they saw dead sharks here,” Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune*.

After inspecting the dead sharks, it was determined that the kill was quite fresh and happened probably between Friday evening to early Saturday morning.

Tenorio identified the sharks as black-tipped reef sharks, which come in and out of the la-

goon. According to Pangelinan, the dead species are just babies.

After further walking along the shore, Tenorio found parts of sharks on another part of the same beach.

Tenorio said there are many possibilities as to how the shark ended up being caught and killed.

“All we know is somebody took the fins and the tail and they pretty much left behind most of the shark,” Tenorio said.

“I’m very disappointed to see that we have people already poaching on small sharks. That is obvious that this is a shark finning activity,” Pangelinan said.

Shark finning is the activity of catching sharks, cutting off its fin and or tail, and discarding the rest of the shark.

Pangelinan warned that shark finning is against the law.

“I just want to remind people that shark finning is against the law for both local and federal,”

Govt doesn't oppose proposed \$7.4M settlement deal with Merrill Lynch

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The CNMI government does not object to the proposed \$7.4-million settlement that the NMI Retirement Fund's former investment consultant, Merrill Lynch, has agreed to pay the CNMI Settlement Fund, according to Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

Manibusan, as counsel for Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday that the NMI Retirement Fund, by and through the Department of Finance secretary, has received and reviewed the proposed settlement deal.

In a statement, Manibusan said the agreement accurately states that the NMI Retirement Fund assigned all claims that the Fund and/or its beneficiaries/members ever had or could have had against Merrill Lynch.

Pursuant to the agreement, all claims against Merrill Lynch will be completely extinguished and released, he said.

He said the NMI Retirement Fund acknowledges that it possesses no claims against Merrill Lynch brought on behalf of itself or its current or future beneficiaries/members.

Last week, attorney Joyce C. H. Tang, the trustee of the

CNMI Settlement Fund, requested the federal court to approve the \$7.4-million settlement that Merrill Lynch has agreed to pay the Fund.

According to court records, out of the \$7.35-million settlement, \$1.84 million will go to attorney's fees and \$390,535.60 will go to law firms' expenses and costs. This leaves \$5.12 million in net proceeds for the Settlement Fund.

The parties involved in the arbitration proceeding before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority reached the settlement during a final attempt to mediate in Miami, Florida last July 31.

The settlement requires designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the U.S. District Court for the NMI to approve it. She will hear the request for approval of the settlement deal on Nov. 20, 2015.

Tang and NMI Settlement Fund counsel Dean A. Manglona asked the court to approve the FINRA action settlement and the payment of attorney's fees and reimbursement of costs in papers submitted to the U.S. District Court.

In her declaration, Tang said Manglona has reviewed the closing statement and detailed cost report, along with supporting invoices and/or receipts. Tang confirmed that the charges are sup-

ported by proper documentation, and are reasonable and necessary.

Manglona said based on Tang's review of the evidence, her participation in the mediation sessions, and her consultation with her legal team and experts, she believes the settlement terms are fair and reasonable and represents the best result the Fund could achieve without taking the considerable risk of proceeding to an arbitration hearing.

In the FINRA action, the Settlement Fund retained the Florida-based Levin law firm as lead counsel, while the O'Connor law firm on Saipan was the referral counsel. The Clay law firm in Hawaii was the associate counsel.

Merrill Lynch was the Retirement Fund's consultant until 2010. During the time of the consultancy relationship, the value of the Fund's assets reportedly declined substantially.

Mariano Taitano, Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero, through counsel, sued the Fund's board, Merrill Lynch, and others in Superior Court, alleging various causes of action for damages relating the decline of the Fund's assets.

The matter was submitted to arbitration before FINRA. Taitano, Tudela, and Guerrero later transferred their claims against Merrill Lynch to the Settlement Fund.

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Hundreds rally to support Kan Pacific's lease renewal

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Hundreds of supporters showed up at Minachom At-dao on Saturday to rally for Mariana Resort & Spa's lease renewal.

Supporters set up a roadside waving for hours until passersby began to flood the area to sign petitions and letters to the government in support of Kan Pacific.

A wall of signatures was also posted during the event to preserve and mark what the crowd described as a historic event.

Mariana Resort & Spa's lease is due to expire in 2018. The Department of Public Lands plans to put up the lease for bidding. Kan Pacific, which operates the resort, wants the lease renewed, promising ad-



Supporters hold up placards during a roadside waving to express their support for the renewal of Kan Pacific's lease, which expires in 2018.

DAISY DEMAPAN

ditional investments. President Yoshihiro Kitami told Mariana Resort & Spa pres- *Saipan Tribune*: "We want the

people of the CNMI to know that Saipan is our home and it is our intention to continue doing business in Saipan and for it to be passed down to our children. I hope the government can see and understand what we are doing. We are here. I only hope," he says, in response to the rally's turnout.

Junichi Kitagawa, president of the Japanese Society of the CNMI, took to the stage to express the importance of the lease renewal.

"I just want to say to all of you that I take pride in the great contribution that the Japanese investors have made for

more than 30 years...the service of JAL invited more than 50,000 Japanese tourists to Saipan. ...We must not forget this fact. We play second fiddle to other countries economically but I am convinced that the Japanese will make rapid progress again by all means in the future now," he said.

Wayne Pangelinan, a major supporter of Kan Pacific, expressed hope that local legislators will acknowledge that the lease renewal has to happen.

Gloria Cavanagh, general manager of Mariana Resort & Spa, said that Kan Pacific stands behind continued in-

tegrity and growth. "The CNMI economy needs diversity and Kan Pacific is providing opportunities right now. It is not a plan, it is a reality. Current businesses and new ones need to work side by side," she said.

Among the many supporters at the rally were Reps. Vinnie Sablan, and Tony Benavente, House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Power 99, Stanley Torres, Manny Borja, Rep. Ed Propst, former representative Andrew Salas, former governor Juan Babauta, and Hyatt Regency Saipan supporters.

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Thursday Night Market is finally back

For more than three months, one of the island's local attractions every Thursday night was temporarily closed due to ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. Last Thursday, the Garapan Thursday Night Market finally

reopened, attracting many passersby to the location.

KKMP radio station owner Gary Sword emceed the reopening and expressed his excitement stating, "They just called me today and said that we got power and so we said,

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Grotto Cave, Bird Island Beach, South Laulau Beach, and Old Man By The Sea and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these

locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

let's open tonight."

According to Commonwealth Arts Council director Angel Hocog, "we had to wait for recovery to take effect and get [the Commonwealth Utili-

Ex-convict gets 9-month prison term for extortion attempt, violating probation

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Ex-convict Mario Olopai Sablan was slapped with a nine-month prison term for trying to extort \$100 from a woman who lost her wallet at a poker arcade and for violating his probation.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced the 39-year-old Sablan last week to one-year imprisonment, all suspended except for three months, for receiving stolen property.

Kim-Tenorio sentenced Sablan to six months in prison for violating his probation in a previous criminal conviction.

Both sentences shall be served consecutively, which means the total prison term is nine months.

Sablan was given credit for time served. He is expected to be released on March 9, 2016.

Upon release, Sablan will be placed on supervised probation

ties Corp.] to hook up our power. It was just this week that it happened because CUC had to prioritize the power lines."

Not surprisingly, "we've actually received calls from many interested vendors. They were asking if we can expand but we are overwhelmed already with

the number of vendors with the space we have," Hocog said.

Regular vendors such as Java Joes, Furusato Restaurant, Cheap Cut BBQ, Jhem's Restaurant, Snowy Ice Cream, Canton Restaurant, Kim's Tofu, Royal Fast Food, M&D BBQ, Hula Girl, and many

more were greeted by hungry patrons that night.

The Sinsler Dancers from the North opened the night at 6pm, with entertainers Majesty, Luis La Porte, and Out of the Ordinary John bringing the opening night to a close at 9pm. (Daisy Demapan)

for three years.

The amended information charged Sablan with attempted criminal mischief and receiving stolen property. The Office of the Attorney General also filed a petition to revoke Sablan's probation in a previous criminal conviction.

In his previous criminal case, Sablan received a suspended sentence of four years and 11 months.

Sablan pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property as part of a plea deal. The attempted criminal mischief charge was dropped.

He was represented in the case by assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on June 8, 2015 on Saipan, Sablan received a wallet belonging to Feng Ying Urumelog, although he was aware that it was stolen. At the time, Sablan was under probation.

When Sablan was brought for

a bail hearing last June shortly after his arrest, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman noted that he had just sentenced the defendant for theft in February 2013. Wiseman also noted Sablan's 16 traffic cases that date back to 1993.

According to police, an officer responded to a theft incident last June 6 at Best Poker in western Garapan and met with Urumelog who complained that her wallet was stolen inside the poker arcade.

The officer reviewed the surveillance camera and identified the person who took the victim's wallet.

On June 8, two police officers responded to Best Poker after the victim called for help.

The victim approached the officers and had her cell phone on speaker. The two officers heard a man on the other line demanding from the victim \$50 for him and \$50 for his friend if she wants to get her wallet back.

The man told the victim to meet them at 99 Cents Store in Garapan. The officers proceeded to 99 Cents Store, where the victim waited in the parking lot.

A few minutes later, the officers saw Sablan approaching the victim. When the victim got her wallet, police arrested Sablan.

In February 2013, Wiseman sentenced Sablan to 30 days for theft and placed him on probation for five years. The cases arose when he and a co-defendant stole \$876 in cash from a poker machine at the U-Luck Poker in western Garapan.

In April 2012, Sablan, then an employee at the Division of Sports and Recreation was arrested together with John B. Reyes Jr. for allegedly burglarizing Garapan Elementary School and carting off more than \$6,000 worth of equipment and other instructional materials. The Office of the Attorney General subsequently dropped the case.

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. February 4-5, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. October 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. Division Reports
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Garapan Annex RFP
 - b. Salary Comparative Analysis
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. LIHTC Matters
 - b. Land Exchange Request
 - c. Loan Assistance
- VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. OTHER MATTERS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

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PRESENTATION ON THE COMPLETED REPORT FOR THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will be hosting the presentation on the completed report for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The report can be reviewed at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office, NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota. The report can also be viewed online at www.nmhc.gov.net.

The presentation will be held at our NMHC Central Office on November 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room. The presentation will provide the community an overview of the report on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This presentation will also allow our community to inquire and provide comments regarding the report.

If you may have any questions or concerns regarding this presentation, please feel free to contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670)234-6866/7689.

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Prefabricated homes one of the options being eyed

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REPORTER

Prefabricated homes to rebuild the houses of some families on Saipan after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor is one of the options being explored by the Housing Task Force.

According to the task force's state lead and Northern Marianas Housing Corp. deputy corporate director Zennie Mafnas, it was discussed by their partners during a meeting.

"The Department of Public Works who was present in some of the Housing Task Force meetings did say that there was interest in some investors bringing in prefabricated homes. So we're still waiting on that," Mafnas said.

She said an interested investor was also mentioned.

"There was one very serious investor that wants to bring in a model unit in so that if there's enough interest, they can provide more of those units," Mafnas said.

Should they pursue this option, Mafnas said the prefabricated homes will probably be sold like a product.

Some residents are suggesting the use of prefabricated homes so that they will have something more livable to use, even if only temporarily. Others view it as a hazard that may not be strong enough when other storms

come in.

More than a hundred days after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan, many are still unable

to rebuild their own homes due to various reasons such as lack of funds or contractor and workers to actually do the

construction.

However, Mafnas said they are not actively looking for these kinds of prefab homes.

"[The Housing Task Force is] not the one going out there looking for prefab homes. We get the input from all these different agencies and we try to just ask them for an update every week," Mafnas said.

BoH accepting grant applications for small businesses on Saipan

Bank of Hawaii is now accepting applications for the I Kinometi Para I Kumunidat I Islâ-ta Small Business Revitalization and Development Grant for projects that stimulate small business development and economic activity on Saipan. Small business owners with a successful track record in business operation or management and who have not yet been a recipient of the grant are invited to submit applications by Friday, Nov. 27,

2015. Grants will be awarded of up to \$5,000 each.

Bank of Hawaii established the grant program in 2012 to promote new businesses in the Western Pacific region and to encourage existing small businesses to expand.

If not already completed, grant awardees are required to successfully complete one of the following before Dec.

29, 2015:

■ CNMI Small Business Development Center small business training program
■ Bank of Hawaii Smart Money small business financial education

training

Grant awardees are also expected to report back to the bank on how the grant has made a difference to their business and the community by

Dec. 29, 2015.

Application forms are available at Bank of Hawaii's Garapan branch or by contacting branch manager (Saipan) Rose Sumor at (670) 237-2983. Applications should be submitted to: branch manager (Saipan) Rose Sumor, Bank of Hawaii Garapan Branch, Bank of Hawaii Building Ste. 100, Mariana Heights Business Park, Chalan Pale Arnold Rd, Saipan, MP 96950. **(BoH)**



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Terror in Paris

On Saturday morning, after an evening of incomprehensible barbarism against a free and civilized society by armed terrorists, President François Hollande of France declared the attacks an act of war. More than 125 people were slaughtered in multiple venues in Paris—in a concert hall, at several restaurants, near a sports stadium, on the street. Mr. Hollande declared a nationwide state of emergency, imposed checks at all of France's borders, and called in the army to protect the city.

The Islamic State terrorist group has claimed responsibility, and vowed that this was “only the beginning of the storm” to punish France for its airstrikes against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

This attack, Mr. Hollande said, was “against France, against the values that we defend everywhere in the world, against what we are: a free country that means something to the entire planet.” He vowed that France would respond, using “all the necessary means, and on all terrains, inside and outside, in coordination with our allies, who are, themselves, targeted by this terrorist threat.”

The targets—the Stade de France sports stadium where Mr. Hollande and thousands of other fans were watching a soccer match between the national teams of France and Germany, popular restaurants in the hip neighborhoods around the Canal Saint Martin and the Bastille, and the Bataclan music venue packed with concertgoers there to hear the American band Eagles of Death Metal—seemed selected because they were places where people freely gathered to enjoy the public pleasures the Islamic State hates: sports, music, wine and food shared by men and women together.

It is less than a year since Paris was shaken by the attacks in January on the Charlie Hebdo magazine staff and a kosher supermarket. Those attacks prompted national soul-searching about France's secular values and sweeping antiterror legislation to allow authorities to better track would-be assailants.

The attacks in January, after which millions of people marched in solidarity with the victims, were tightly targeted. Friday's carnage was of a different, more sweeping order. It was designed to strike terror into every person going about ordinary activities, to make the French feel that they are not safe, anywhere.

The eight gunmen, armed with assault weapons, grenades and suicide belts packed with explosives, are dead. But, as Parisians awake to a grim morning after, many questions remain unanswered, including whether any accomplices are at large, who coordinated the attacks, and whether counterterrorism efforts could have foiled the plot. There is also the question of how long the state of emergency—which gives authorities sweeping powers and suspends some democratic rights—will last. Clearly, the state of emergency should be ended as soon as possible.

The coldblooded depravity with which the terrorists gunned down people seated at restaurant tables and picked off hostages in the Bataclan concert hall where more than 80 were killed was horrifying. But Parisians have remained defiant and united. Last night, as the carnage unfolded, Parisians took to social media, using the hashtag #porteouverte, or “open door,” to offer sanctuary in their homes to people fleeing the mayhem. By morning, hundreds of Paris residents were lining up to donate blood and looking for other ways to help.

This attack will harden the resolve of the French against the savagery of the Islamic State, as it must the world's.

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The differently abled

“It’s the story, dude, that determines behavior,” a colleague says. Story, it is, the old conundrum of perspective, whether one sees a bottle half empty or whether one quenches thirst on what is half full! The word “paradigm shift” is used, from being a victim of circumstances to being master of one’s destiny.

I have two kids diagnosed with ASD, now 23 and 20, but my earlier indifference to their care as preferred by my spouse’s desires/anxieties while she was a USAID officer in D.C. when they were still young cost me a marriage. One of my grandsons is super-active, a candidate for the Asperger end of the spectrum. I must carry some “differently-abled” genes in my blood.

(Incidences started with 1 in every 1,000 in ‘94, 1 in 400 in ‘02, 1 in 100 in ‘07 and now the high-low end of estimates is 1 in every 45-68 by Atlanta’s Centers for Disease Control.)

I changed the term “disabled” to “differently abled” before colleagues at NMPASI (protection and advocacy) for the simple reason that “disabled” implies absence of “ability” as “dishonor” means, *inter alia*, “without honor.”

In a new world of earthrise consciousness where we know we are in the same planet together, and where inclusion is a matter of human rights and fundamental freedoms for everyone, making earthbound commitment a matter of coordinative care, to recognize those who are historically excluded as differently abled is to acknowledge their unconditional worth like everyone else without implying that somehow they are deficient.

I attended Dr. Cecilia Lamkin’s organized Disability Awareness workshop with guests from Fiji’s Pacific Disability Forum group (pacificdisability.org), Anna and Setaraki Macanawai, and Pohnpei Consumer Organization and FSM National Disabled Person Organization’s president, Nelbert Perez, a UCC pastor. In attendance were members of local advocacy groups (e.g., NMPASI and Voice), representatives of CNMI government and non-government programs, and individuals who came on their own cognition.

The Macanawai-Perez tandem presented models of “disability” approaches, got us through the eight articles of CRPD, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons and Disabilities. The United States shaped and guided the Convention’s passage in the UN and is a signatory to it, but the U.S. Senate failed to ratify the treaty in 2012. They also walked us through organizing people with disabilities and put a heavy beat on the “inclusive” nature of disability development.

The United States does have the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as federal law enacted in 1990 and reauthorized in 1997 and 2004. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, signed into law in 2002, included Title I, the flagship aid program for disadvantaged students. As a PSS teacher (2003-2009), I was

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made familiar with these. So even if the U.S. has yet to ratify the CRPD, it has governmental and non-governmental programs on the disability community (not enough but we are working on it!), particularly in matters of provision of services, advocacy and the promotion of individual’s rights.

The main address to me of the workshop was on Celia the organizer and Serataki the Fijian guest. Dr. Lamkin has had five heart surgeries on record and she managed to stay on track even while feeling faint over a rapid ascent of blood pressure. CEO Macanawai, born with sight but blind at 17, used his laptop and a projector to do his presentation with confidence and efficiency that to me was a demonstration of how we take for granted the ability of those we label disabled. He is effectively able!

The UN Pacific Disability program maintains an impressive website worth the visit. The “Pacific” perspective itself is European. Magellan’s voyage past Patagonia to the Straits went into calm waters unencumbered all the way to Guam, named the waters’ currents and waves so, though they are hardly “pacific.” In a sense, the list of political entities in the Forum are former colonies of European states, Fiji of Britain, and Pohnpei of Germany assumed after WWI by Europeanized Japan of the Meiji restoration, and later, the UN trusteeship with the U.S. military as guardian.

We know that the General Assembly of the UN is at best symbolic, at worst a farcical *rigodon de honor*. Nation states are colonial inventions, not viable to define personal allegiances. The permanent members of the National Security Council call the shots; without China and Russia, we would be dancing the two-step do-si-do all night! To ask why the CNMI and Guam, Commonwealth and territory of the U.S. respectively, are not separately listed among the entities in the Pacific Forum is to ask a misplaced question.

I’d rather start a Global Disability (differently-abled) push regardless of nations. The 15 percent of the world’s population born that way cannot be excluded from innate rights. On that note, I step in and out of clashing bamboo sticks all night. *Ti-nikling*, anyone?

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The governor and some questions on succession

While I join the community in wishing Gov. Eloy S. Inos well on his recovery from a recent open-heart surgery that will prevent him from returning to work until late December or early January 2016, questions ought to be asked—and answered—whether Inos is still fit to lead the CNMI given the state of his health, his long absences even before the 2014 general elections over medical reasons, and the continued need for a stable, able and trustworthy leadership.

The administration cannot forever dodge the question of whether Inos or anyone in this government still thinks Inos can discharge the duties of his office until the end of his supposed term in January 2019. This is given his health condition, as the administration itself provided to the media in recent days.

And if Inos' or anyone in his administration's answer is "yes," how and until when?

Has Inos at least considered stepping down to be able to take care of his health? Has anyone in his administration advised him to consider this?

Regardless of political affiliation and ambitions, CNMI leaders and community members ought to be raising questions and demanding answers from the proper authorities on the governor's ability and capacity to still govern, as well as succession. The sooner the better, to ensure that the CNMI continues to have a strong, stable and able Executive Branch.

The NMI Constitution provides a rule of succession on governorship and lieutenant governorship. Article III Section 7 of the NMI Constitution reads:

"Section 7: Succession to the Governorship and Lieutenant Governorship. In case of the removal, death, or resignation of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor and the president of the Senate shall become lieutenant governor. If the offices of governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant, the president

of the Senate shall become acting governor and the speaker of the House shall become acting lieutenant governor. An acting governor or lieutenant governor who assumes office when more than one year remains in the term may serve only until a governor or lieutenant governor is chosen in a special election provided by law."

However, there are different interpretations and opinions of this constitutional provision if and when Inos resigns more than a year before the end of his supposed term in January 2019, among other things.

How long will Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres serve as governor and Senate President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) as lieutenant governor? Will Torres and Hocog serve in temporary or permanent capacities? Will Torres occupy the governor's post "only" until a special election is held to elect a new governor, since there's still more than a year left before the end of Inos' term? Or will Torres serve the remainder of Inos' term until January 2019?

Has anyone sought the opinion of the courts on this? What does Attorney General Edward Manibusan have to say on the matter of succession?

The NMI Constitution also provides the procedure for a declaration of vacancy for the position of governor. Article II Section 8 (b) states:

"When the governor is unable to discharge the duties of the office by reason of physical or mental disability, the lieutenant governor shall be acting governor. If the lieutenant governor is unavailable, the presiding officer of the Senate shall be acting governor. If the person next in succession to the governor has reason to believe that the governor is unable to discharge the duties of the office, that person shall file a petition to declare a vacancy with the Commonwealth appeals court or the United States District Court if no Commonwealth appeals court has been created under article IV, section 3. The court has original and exclusive jurisdiction to determine all questions regarding the disability of the governor and the existence

even require a match to ignite. As such is my battle with my own "internal demons," I am truly apologetic to my family and friends as you have given me your trust and I basically squandered such trust. I hope that we are all on the same page when I say this is a minor setback awaiting a major comeback.

As there is a current initiative out there to combat the CNMI's ice addiction, I would like to declare that I support it wholeheartedly and offer my services should the need arise. As there are no drug rehabilitation centers within our shores, I'm basically rehabilitating myself by first declaring myself a recovering drug addict with eight months of sobriety under his belt. I hope that by getting actively involved in some shape or form, it would serve as the source of strength toward my full recovery. With this in mind I offer those appointed task force members the following recommendations:

1. At this point in time there is no present rehabilitation of any sort happening at the Department of Corrections. It is currently a 23-hour-per-day lock down with only one hour of "fresh air." There are only a few given privileges toward working, thus aggression builds and so does recidivism. As a rule, when visiting DOC, please ask the inmates as all I've seen while being incarcerated is Department of Justice officials taking a stroll through the corridors and never asking the people being housed there if the facilities are running according to federal standards. You'd be surprised to know how prohibitive the place is that I've thought of contacting Amnesty International to launch multiple investigations on the treatment of inmates. I would suggest if funding drug rehabilitation efforts is the current constraint, at the very least have group counseling conducted by the Community Guidance Center for those individuals currently being incarcerated at the prison for a start.

2. Effort should be placed in rehabilitating the DYS facility and housing prospective drug offenders in Kagman as an incentive for good behavior at DOC. A merit system if you will. Why there? The Kagman commercial plots are adequate for inmates to take on the vocation of farming and ranching. The Garapan farmers market could serve as a potential place to sell hydroponically grown lettuce and other crops with NMC-CREES providing them instruction on such a low-tech method. NMC-CREES can serve as a major tool if you know how to use such professionals. Marianas Meat has been advertising their need for fresh pork. Why not have the "drug trustees" raise hogs? These are vocations NMC-CREES can take a lead in. When out of their respective sentences, you now have a trained individual in agriculture who at the very least can provide his family with fresh food and/or meat raised from such knowledge acquired.

3. As I am familiar with NMC-CREES' mandate, I suggest that "value added" techniques be taught to those incarcerated as I've personally witnessed the level of creativity in our prison. Effort should be made to focus on the arts. If the art council is looking for artists, I suggest checking the Susupe lockup! These individuals should be allowed to harness their artistic skills and take it to the level in which they can make active income. It starts there in prison! When a man leaves his family to be locked up he starts questioning his worth. Having him sit there doing nothing only has him looking

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of a vacancy in the office of governor."

The third sentence allows for Torres, as the person next in succession to the governor, to file a petition with the U.S. District Court to declare a vacancy if he has reason to believe that Inos is unable to discharge the duties of his office. So far, Torres has not done so.

One can only guess whether a lack of petition with the court, from Torres, is meant partly to avoid putting the spotlight on a possible special election because there's no guarantee Torres can win such a special election and therefore cannot continue to run the government—as what others believe he has been doing all along anyway.

Unlike former governor Benigno R. Fitial who resigned days before his impeachment trial on charges of felony, neglect of duty and corruption, Inos' serious battle is with his own health and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Inos owes it to himself, his family, supporters and the whole CNMI to decide now whether he will still continue to hold on to his position, though he has spent considerable amount of time off-island for health reasons and away from his duties.

Deciding now will allow the Commonwealth to move forward, transition to the next phase, or head in a different—hopefully much better—direction than where it is now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting the 'War on Ice'

I write this letter as a means to see the extent of the problem that we are currently battling at all aspects of society. The crystal methamphetamine hydrochloride or "ice" problem within the CNMI has reached epic proportions. It is disturbing to hear that kids within the middle and high school levels are now reporting that they have come across the drug in some shape or fashion. You might be wondering who am I to give advice in the matter? To answer this I'm going to share some personal information that many in this community will find somewhat astonishing.

My name is Ross Hugh Songao Manglona. You can Google my name and find the following:

- I am the former dean/director of NMC-CREES, a federally funded program that provides stakeholders with various services dealing in the agriculture and life science;

- I am known for being attached to many political parties and candidates pursuing your vote at a chance to steer our Commonwealth;

- I, along with my wife Julie Ogo Manglona, are known for our philanthropy in regards to our efforts at helping the community of Rota through a cause we call "Lutacares."

What you will not find on Google, however, is the fact that I am a recovering "ice" addict. You will not find that I have been involved in different aspects of the drug dating back to the late 1980's until 1996. You will also not find that I have been watched by the CNMI drug task force dating that far back as well. I believe that baring the aforementioned facts would qualify me to make the assertions that it is time for us as a community to stand up and all pitch in and fight this drug together. Why now? I've been given eight months to reflect on how this drug has affected me personally. The pinnacle, however, is how this drug has affected my entire family as a whole.

I would like to thank my wife Julie for finding the strength to say, "Enough is enough." You spouses out there must be able to stand up and do the same as merely asking your husband or wife to stop is not enough! Take it to the next level if you must. In my wife's case she had me incarcerated. You may not have seen it in the newspapers but for those out there wondering where I was, you are hearing it from me personally. I was in prison getting a "time out." I am thankful for the "time to reflect." It has brought me "back to basics." I realize now that all my endeavors, whether it be toward my education or career, were done with the backing of a strong familial network. I am only as strong as my family's bond.

By putting myself first, I jeopardized everything my family worked for as a unit. My wife was afraid of me, to say the least. When that happens, then we've reached rock bottom. No wife should ever fear the father of her children. By my selfish act, I singlehandedly turned a loving home into a war zone that didn't

at better strategies to not get caught. We must look at prison as if it is a university with criminals teaching other criminals how to be more efficient in the art of criminality.

4. Support the drug court and look at ways of treating drug abuse as a disease rather than a crime. We are spending too much money locking up people with possession rather than trying to help them recover from their habit. In prison, CNMI inmates are allowed one contact visit with their families per month. This is called "family day." This should not be limited to once a month as the family in many cultures is the main theme behind a community's successes. It is beyond my comprehension why you would deprive them the privilege of having family day at least weekly to develop that bond that was lost from their drug abuse. Rehabilitation in my opinion requires the entire family's effort. As in my situation, depriving me of my family was enough to charter a new course. Not everyone is made the same and as such feel that we must make the effort at truly helping them recover from this disease.

As thoughts arise, I will send them in for as Harry Blalock used to put it, "food for thought." If you want to solicit my thoughts further in the matter, I can be reached at cnmihydro@gmail.com. This fight is not just the government's so for those of you that believe in me, I ask you to help me by becoming actively involved in the "War on Ice" as well!

Ross Manglona

As Lito, Saipan

The Church is not a democracy

The San Isidro Parish Council's feud with the Apostolic Administrator is not helping the Church at all. They should have sent a delegation to meet with him and iron out their differences, instead of bringing their grievances in the newspaper.

Why can't they just ask Monsignor Antonelli whether he prefers to be priest-in-residence of San Isidro Parish or whether he wants to retain his administrative duties, which to me is a lot of work, even for an old man like me.

If Monsignor Antonelli prefers to retain his administrative duties, he should be honored by retaining him as pastor of San Isidro Parish.

But for purposes of clarification, consultation merely means that the Apostolic Administrator tells the parishioners what he intends to do. He may welcome comments and objections, but in the end it is he alone who must decide. He does not have to get in touch with every member of the parish, because that is impossible.






The Church is not a democracy. That is the way the Church has been run for almost 2,000 years.

Reynaldo O. Yana

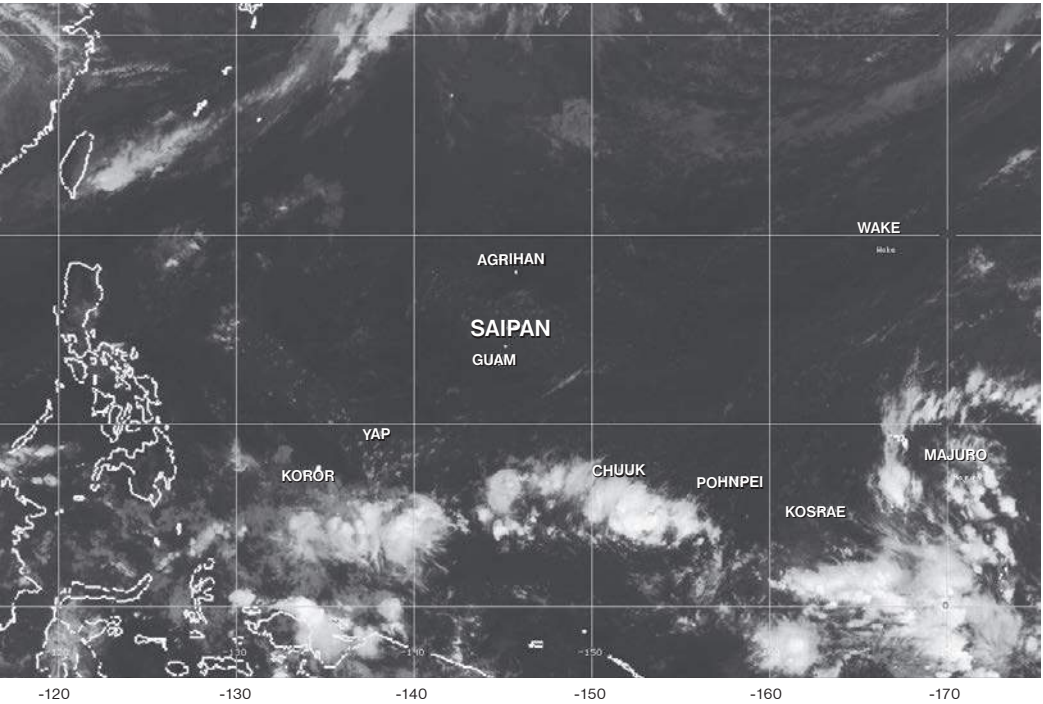
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 2N130E to a circulation centered southwest of Majuro near 4N170E then turns southeastward to end near EQ176E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Koror, Yap and Chuuk within 150 miles of a line from 3N132E to 5N148E to 4N155E farther east. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the circulation south of Kosrae to Butaritari and Tarawa atolls south of a line from 2N161E to 4N173E near Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 7N167E to 7N173E and over the northern Marshalls within 70 miles of a line from 10N169E to 12N172E to 8N178E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east-southeast of Wake Island east of a line from 11N178E to 19N178E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Windy	▲67	▼56
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲50	▼33
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼76
Honolulu	Showers	▲85	▼73
London	Cloudy	▲58	▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼44
Manila	Sunny	▲94	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼56
Miami	Thundershowers	▲82	▼75
New York	Sunny	▲64	▼43
Osaka	Showers	▲73	▼64
Paris	Showers	▲58	▼57
Pusan	Showers	▲68	▼53
Rome	Sunny	▲67	▼49
Salem	Rain	▲49	▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲62	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼48
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲66	▼44



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Saipan Harbor			
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11:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:39 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
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7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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PIC holds its first job fair

The Pacific Islands Club Saipan held its first job fair on Thursday at the Napu Room.

Nhing Reyes, PIC's financial controller and human resources executive, said the event was an excellent chance for the community and students to check out the available job opportunities at the resort.

According to the job fair pamphlet, "if you think hospitality is just about checking guests in and out of the hotel, you will be pleasantly surprised to discover the diversity of choices the industry has to offer...the possibilities are endless and becoming a member of the PIC team is just the beginning."

Over 40 job-seekers attended the fair, many of them young students looking to jumpstart a career in the hotel industry.

PIC's team is composed of individuals from over 20 countries around the world.

According to Reyes, PIC hopes to make the job fair an annual event.

Available job opportunities included front office and guest services, call center and reservations, engineering, maintenance and facilities, food and beverage, and retail and gift shop. *(Daisy Demapan)*



Job fair attendees fill in applications during Pacific Island Club's first job fair held at the Napu Room.

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CNMI Wish Night fundraiser is sold out

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REPORTER

One hundred fifty tickets were successfully sold to benefit the Make-A-Wish fundraiser on Friday night. The funds raised will be used to grant the wish of Marianas High School student Jasmine Guanzon who would like to visit her mother in Hong Kong. Make-A-Wish Foundation

chair Eric Tydingco said that Guanzon had been on the wish list for one year and that finally her wish will be granted.

"Part of our mission is to make sure everyone knows the criteria of our efforts here. The perception here is that it's for toddlers but we try to grant wishes for those up to 18 years old with life-threatening diseases," he said, "and it does

not have to be terminal... so if you know anyone, we really want to grant as many wishes as we can. It really is whatever they want to do and Jasmine wants to see her mom."

According to Tydingco, they plan to fly Guanzon out to Hong Kong by February and have her experience Disneyland and other attractions during her visit.

During the fundraiser, at-

tendees enjoyed a five-course meal, an hour-long open cocktail bar and participated in many silent auctions.

This year's major sponsors included Bank of Guam, Aqua Resort Club, AYD Services, Hard Rock Café, Herman's Modern Bakery, KKMP, Sorenson Media Group, MegaByte, Kanoa Resort, Takagi & Associates, Best Sunshine Interna-

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Mary Tiglao installed as MHS battalion commander



Marianas High School senior Mary Grace Tiglao is installed as the Dolphin battalion commander during a change of command ceremony on Friday. Her mother pins her new rank as cadet lieutenant colonel.

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Marianas High School senior Mary Grace Tiglao was installed as the Dolphin battalion commander during a change of command ceremony on Friday.

MHS JROTC instructor Sgt. First Class Anthony Crolla acknowledged to the Dolphin Battalion that the leadership qualities and determination of cadet Tiglao were what allowed her to be the most outstanding cadet amongst the battalion.

Tiglao received her promotion orders, as read by Sgt. First Class Crolla, "...[I have] as MHS ROTC instructor reposed special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Cadet Mary Grace Tiglao [and] in view of these qualities and her demonstrated potential for increased responsibility..." Tiglao was promoted to cadet lieutenant colonel.

Present during the ceremony was Tiglao's mother who took part in the rank pinning of the new commander.

Tiglao took a moment to express her gratitude to her parents, peers, and instructors who helped her along the way.

"As the new battalion commander, I will strive to continue to maintain the battalion's accomplishments and expand upon them as well. Although we had a few setbacks, we were able to surmount them," she said. "I started from the bottom, worked hard, and climbed my way to the top. All of you have the capability and potential to do the same...I challenge you to be the best person you can be, within JROTC and beyond..."

PAWS, Saipan Cares for Animals join forces

Saipan's two major animal groups, PAWS and Saipan Cares for Animals, combined earlier this week, as PAWS transferred their non-profit status to Saipan Cares for Animals, creating the new non-profit group called Saipan Cares for Animals, CNMI.

"We are so grateful to PAWS for their help," said Jason Hudy, who was elected president

of the non-profit. "For many years PAWS has done wonderful things to help the island's animals and with their help in transferring the non-profit status to us, we hope to carry on their good work."

The non-profit status will help the group with funding, but as vice president Beth Pliscou said, the goal of the group remains the same.


"The non-profit status is a big step forward, but still what we need most are local Saipan residents to volunteer at the shelter, even an hour a week, to walk the dogs and local Saipan residents to adopt these animals and give them good homes," said Pliscou.

November is "Adopt a Senior Pet Month" and is a great time to adopt a new best friend.

"The Mayor's Office has

waived adoption fees, and the registration fee is only \$10, so for 10 bucks you can provide a great animal a wonderful home, an animal that will give you countless hours of happiness as well," said Hudy.

You can message "Saipan Cares for Animals" on Facebook to set up a time to visit the shelter, which is located in Lower Base down the road from Sparkle Clean. You can also call or message Hudy at 789-9464. (PR)



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CPA-RFP-004-16 OCTOBER 1, 2015

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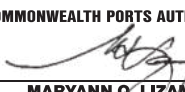
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In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Special Education State Advisory Panel (SESAP), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Pacific Islands Club, Napu Room, San Antonio Saipan. This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - a) Roll Call
 - b) Presence of a Quorum
 - c) Adoption of Agenda
 - d) Adoption of Minutes
 - January 29, 2015
 - March 23, 2015
- II. Election of Officers
- III. Special Education Program Updates
- IV. FFY 2014 Annual Performance Report - Review
- V. State Systemic Improvement Plan- Review
- VI. Miscellaneous
- VII. Adjournment

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print or sign language interpreters must call 237-3029. Several days notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL FRANCIS JOYCE,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deceased,</p>	<p>CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0048</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p>
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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE PAUL FRANCIS JOYCE OR OF HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the decedent or The Estate of Paul Francis Joyce, or his estate, are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claims(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to the attorney for Petitioner/Administratrix, Jocelyn Yacan Joyce, **Joe Hill, Hill Law Office**, whose address is **Tokcha Ave at Lulai Wy, Susupe, P.O. Box 500917, Saipan, MP 96950.**

Dated this 30th day of October, 2015.

/s/
Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

Torres meets with MPLT on use of funds for Soudelor victims

Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres said Wednesday he met with the Marianas Public Lands Trust last week to follow up on an earlier letter requesting funds generated from the rental and lease of public lands to help with rebuilding efforts after Typhoon Soudelor and Typhoon Champi.

"We are in progress," Torres told reporters last week.

He said they are looking at the possibility of assisting Soudelor victims with certain funding and "how to appropriate those funding and so forth."

"I'm sure [the attorney general] will be a part of it, but they

also have their own attorney. I am hoping that they can facilitate that program within the MPLT," Torres said. "I want to get as much as we can to assist our victims. But we'll take what we can from MPLT."

In his Oct. 29 letter to MPLT chair Pedro Deleon Guerrero, Torres cited Article 11 of the CNMI Constitution, which states that that use of public land shall be for "the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth who are of Northern Marianas descent."

"Many citizens of NMD are presently suffering greatly following the arrival of [t]

yphoons Soudelor and Champi," Torres said. "Homes have been lost, property destroyed and lives upended," he said, noting that this damage has not all been fixed or repaired and he believes "we need to do more to [help] NMDs."

"Use of public funds generated from the rental and leasing of NMI public lands to help

these persons of NMD would obviously be a great benefit," Torres said.

"While I am aware that there are limits to the purposes for which the funds held by the Trust, I would like to open the discussion as to the urgent need for individuals of Northern Marianas descent to rebuild their homes using Trust funds in some

fashion," Torres said in his letter.

Torres' letters come in line with his office's work as the primary agency coordinating government support in recent weeks to the CNMI Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts group, or CARE, whose main push has been for home rebuilding after Typhoon Soudelor.

Other than immediate fund-

ing and resources, the group has faced limitations from finding floor plans that are up to code and structurally sound and approved by an architect and an engineer. The group has networked to reach out to contractors from the mainland U.S. and expect an influx of stateside contractors coming to aid efforts. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

USDOL assistant district director to speak at November SHRM Meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have Patrick Candoleta, Assistant District Director for the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, presenting at its November general membership meeting.

Candoleta will discuss a variety of current labor issues to include the Federal Labor Standards Act requirements on nursing mothers in the workplace, an update on recent changes in the Family Medical Leave Act, common violations that should be avoided, and Wage and Hour's ongoing strategic enforcement program. These topics will be of special interest to all HR professionals and managers, bringing attendees of the meeting up-to-date on the FLSA and FMLA, as well as giving all an idea of what companies should look for in their workplace to ensure they are complying with the law.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's on Thursday, Nov. 19,

2015, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to better understand recent labor law changes and what we can do to prevent violations. Candoleta will provide an opportunity for questions.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuavera by phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at corpooffice@triplejsaipan.com or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmi-chapter.shrm.org>. **(SHRM)**

Marines' non-fire training on Tinian

DEDEDO, Guam—More than 70 years after participating in the amphibious landings on Tinian in World War II, 1st Battalion 2d Marines will return to Tinian to conduct a non-fire training exercise from Nov. 16 to 18. This exercise tests a rapid deployment capability of first echelon forces that is a critical part of the Marine Corps' Unit Deployment Program.

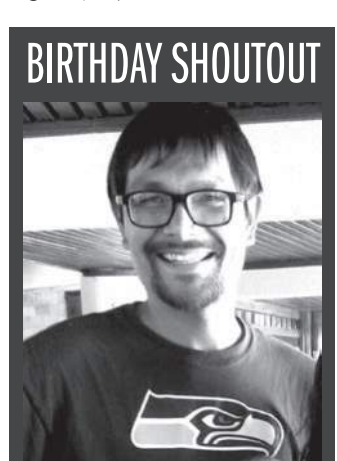
The North Carolina-based force will fly into the Tinian International Airport aboard a KC-130 and hike to North Field where they will train for two nights, learning firsthand about their unit history and lineage through battlefield studies, lecture and discussion.

The Marines will also consider the history of Tinian and its strategic importance in the international security environment.

Further commemorating this occasion, two Marines from 1st Battalion 2nd Marines will take this opportunity to re-enlist in

the Marine Corps.

Upon conclusion of their mission, the force will return on foot to the Tinian International Airport and redeploy to Fuji, Japan. **(PR)**



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Happy 31st birthday to Augustin Castro, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 16! We celebrate your special day with prayers for many more blessing to come your way. We love you! Greetings come from your family.

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\$22K for Tinian beach beautification projects from e-gaming funds OK'd

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**
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REPORTER

Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres signed into law last Monday a Tinian local bill to appropriate \$22,000 from the "Tourism Enhancement and Destination" to fund local pro-

grams on Tinian to beautify its beaches.

According to copy of the law, the \$22,000 will go to a "Tourism Enhancement Beach Project."


The law moves money from funds collected under the Tourism Entertainment and

Destination Act of 2013. That act authorized the operation of electronic table games to supplement poker slot machine game revenues generated in the CNMI, and mandated license fees to be collected.


The bill states that the Tinian municipal treasurer will regu-

late and control the funds so that no funds may be expended contrary to the act or fiscal management policies.

The bill—or House Local Bill 19-15—was passed unanimously on first and final reading by the Tinian and Aguigan Legislative Delegation last Oct. 14.



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Nation

Security up in some US locales, business as usual at others

NEW YORK (AP)—Times Square, French consulates and sports stadiums saw increased security Saturday, but authorities noted the stepped-up patrols were out of an abundance of caution following the Paris terror attacks that killed more than 120.

Consulates in New York and Boston received extra security along with French-owned sites in Washington. But elsewhere, like Minnesota's Mall of America, it was business as usual.

"I think like all New Yorkers, we feel solidarity, we know how this feels; it hits home personally," said Ronnie De La Cruz, who was born in Paris, but has lived in the United States since the 1960s. After leaving a floral tribute at the French Consulate on Fifth Avenue, across from Central Park, he shrugged off any concerns about security.

"I think that certainly here in New York is probably about as best as it can be," he said.

Sports venues were mindful of security in response to the attacks, which included suicide bombings outside the Stade de France during a soccer match between France and Germany.

Guards at the Naval Academy's game against Southern Methodist randomly selected



AP
Heavily armed New York city police officers with the Strategic Response Group stand guard at the armed forces recruiting center in New York's Times Square, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015.

people to screen with metal detectors and fans were asked to unzip their coats before entering Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Police in Los Angeles said they would beef up patrols for UCLA's game against Washington State at Rose Bowl

Stadium and at a cricket match at Dodger Stadium.

The NFL said it had been in contact with the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI and planned increased security inside and outside stadiums on Sunday. League officials dis-

couraged fans from bringing bags.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, told The Associated Press on Saturday that there continued to be no ev-

idence of any specific and credible threat targeting the American homeland.

A U.S. official briefed by the Justice Department said intelligence officials, however, have

detected increased chatter encouraging an attack on the U.S.

The official was not authorized to discuss the briefing publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

But the official's comments about current credible threats mirrored Schiff's comments: There are none.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the State Police, National Guard and other agencies were on a heightened state of alert. The New York Police Department deployed its "Critical Response Command"—officers equipped with heavy weapons and other tactical equipment—to important locations including transportation hubs and the Broadway theater district. Officers with radiation detectors and bomb-detecting equipment were sent to subway stations and were randomly conducting bag checks.

After attacks, Democrats debate terrorism and economy

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—With the country still reeling from deadly terrorist attacks in Paris, Hillary Rodham Clinton cast herself as America's strongest leader in a scary world, even as she found herself forced to defend her own role during the rise of the Islamic State militants.

"This election is not only about electing a president, it's also about choosing our next commander in chief," Clinton declared Saturday night in the Democrats' second debate of the presidential campaign. "All of the other issues we want to deal with depend upon us being secure and strong."

Amid the backdrop of global

anxiety, Clinton found herself fending off questions about not only her foreign policy record but her economic ties, with both Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley painting the former senator from New York as a lackey for Wall Street and corporate interests.

"Let's not be naive about it," said Sanders, noting that Clinton collected millions in campaign donations from Wall Street bankers. "They expect to get something. Everybody knows that."

Clinton defended her relationship with Wall Street, citing her work in the aftermath of the Sept.

11, 2001, attacks, but her statement met with criticism from Republicans who accused her of politicizing the terrorist assaults.

The barbs marked a far more aggressive shift in a primary race that has so far been notable for its civility. Democrats have spent months boasting about the substantive tone of their contest, attempting to set up a favorable early contrast with the "carnival barker" insults of the crowded Republican primary.

Since the Democrats' first debate a month ago, Clinton has built a lead in the early voting states, gains that have come amid other signs the party is coalescing behind her. But the

nomination fight is far from over.

Saturday night, Clinton faced criticism of her national security record, when Sanders traced the current instability in the Middle East to the U.S. Senate's vote—including Clinton's—to authorize military action in Iraq in 2002. He said that U.S. invasion "unraveled the region."

The former secretary of state fought back, saying terrorism has been erupting for decades, specifically mentioning the Sept. 11 attacks. She said the recent unrest in Libya and other parts of the Middle East is symptomatic of an "arc of instability from North Africa to Afghanistan."

Tuition-free online university draws immigrant students

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Colombian-born Nathaly Ordonez had practically given up on the idea of attending college after learning her family's visas had expired, leaving her saddled with immigration woes as soon as she graduated from her New Jersey high school.

She eventually got a waitress job, but still didn't earn enough to cover the cost of school or get enough time off work to attend class. When she heard about a tuition-free online university, Ordonez was skeptical but decided to give it a try.

Now, she's studying for her bachelor's degree in business and hopes to someday work for an advertising company.

"When I got in, I was so excited, because I was able to go to college," said Ordonez, who is now 23. "I am going to do what other people do."

Since receiving accreditation last year, the University of the People has seen enrollment grow nearly five-fold to 2,500. While the majority of the students hail from overseas, the number of U.S.-based ones has surged from 72 in 2013 to 950 this year, according to the school, which says a recent survey indicated about a quarter of them are immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

"Everyone deserves higher education," said Shai Reshef, the university's Israeli-born founder, who lives in New York.

Reshef, who previously ran an online university in Europe, started University of the People in 2009 with a global vision, and students hail from all over the world. While the school wasn't focused on immigrants living in the U.S., the low cost and flexible schedule—with weekly course assignments—have proved a draw for many, he said.

Aiming to extend the reach of higher education, the university charges a \$50 application fee and a \$100 fee for each final exam, making the cost of a bachelor's degree around \$4,000. But fees can be waived if students can't pay, and scholarships have been offered to Haitians after the 2010 earthquake and Syrians fleeing to Europe, Reshef said.

In the United States, immigrants who can't attend college because they don't have proper legal papers have also been enrolling. Some students aren't allowed to attend traditional universities because of their immigration status, and others can't afford it because they don't qualify for financial aid.

Paris air travel proceeds, but some cancel future visits

By **DAVID KOENIG**
AP AIRLINES WRITER

Even as airlines operated a normal schedule of flights into and out of Paris on Saturday, travelers with future plans to visit the French capital reconsidered their options after a series of terror attacks. Some quickly canceled their tickets, a worrisome sign for the travel and tourism industries.

Joe Nardozzi, a 31-year-old New York investment banker, and his wife won't be taking the wedding-anniversary trip they planned later this month.

"I have no interest in losing my

life over a trip to Paris," he said.

Travel agents said some clients called to cancel trips, and one advocacy group for business travelers predicted that corporations would let frightened employees do the same.

On Friday night, terrorists with guns and suicide vests carried out coordinated attacks across Paris that left at least 129 people dead and more than 350 injured. The targets, including a cafe and a concert hall, were the types of places that travelers on a vacation or business trip might visit. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Decisions by companies and

leisure travelers could hinge on whether the Paris attacks are seen as a one-time event or the vanguard of a stepped-up campaign by Islamic radicals. Islamic State, the group fighting in Syria and Iraq, also claimed last month that it bombed a Russian passenger jet over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, although investigators have not determined the cause of the crash that killed 224 people.

High tensions after the attacks could be seen at airports across Europe on Saturday.

A Paris-bound Air France jet was evacuated at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport after authori-

ties received a threatening tweet. A terminal at London's Gatwick Airport was shut down for hours after a man was seen throwing away what looked like a gun.

Air France said it would operate all upcoming flights to and from France but that delays were expected because of increased security at airports, including Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport.

U.S. authorities said that they had nothing to add to Friday's comment by Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson that officials didn't know of any specific or credible terror threats against the United States.

Asia

Bangladesh bloggers fear deadly backlash won't end soon

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Omi Rahman Pial has changed homes five times in the last three months. He hasn't seen his young daughter in weeks and is afraid to be seen on the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital and home to several grisly killings of secular bloggers like him.

"I am a refugee in my own country," he said. "And under the threat of being killed, nowhere to go. Where should I go? So if you want to see the maximum punishment a blogger could get in Bangladesh, look at me."

Fear is running high following months in which four bloggers and three other people have been killed, allegedly by Islamist radicals. Many bloggers have gone into hiding, and some have left the country.

Authorities blame the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its main Islamist ally, Jamaat-e-Islami, saying they want to destabilize the country ahead of elections, expected late this year, of two influential politicians from the two parties for war crimes. Some of the victims were involved in a movement that has pressed for capital



punishment for those politicians and several others for actions during the country's 1971 independence war against Pakistan. Two of the politicians have been executed.

The parties deny involvement in the killings, saying Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government is pushing hardliners to strike back by cracking down on its opponents. The Is-

lamic State group has claimed responsibility, but authorities deny that the Sunni extremist group has any presence in the South Asian country.

The blogger attacks have

made many fear the rise of religious radicalism in this Muslim-majority nation known since independence for its secularism.

In this Nov. 6, 2015 photo, a Bangladeshi protester holds a banner during a protest in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Fear is running high following months in which four bloggers and three other people have been killed, allegedly by Islamist radicals.

The first strike this year came in February when American-Bangladeshi blogger and writer Avijit Roy was hacked to death as he and his wife walked on the campus of Dhaka University. Then three other secular bloggers have been killed in daylight attacks in Dhaka and outside.

Early this fall, two foreigners—an Italian aid worker and a Japanese agriculture researcher—were killed within a week of each other. The IS group claimed responsibility, as it did Oct. 31, when assailants attacked two book publishers in their Dhaka offices; one died and three others were critically injured.

"I am scared. They may kill me anytime," Pial said in an apartment he shares with another blogger who has also gone into hiding, fearing for his life.

Suu Kyi's party wins historic majority in Myanmar polls

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—On the fifth anniversary of her release from house arrest, election results Friday showed that Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party had won enough seats in Parliament to allow it to form Myanmar's first truly civilian government in more than half a century.

While complete results from Sunday's vote still must be tallied, the state election commission announced that Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party had won 37 additional seats—pushing it over the threshold of 329 seats needed for a majority in the two-house

Parliament.

The party with a combined parliamentary majority is able to select the next president, who can then name a Cabinet and form a new government. The 329 figure represents a majority in the 664-member Parliament because voting was not held in seven constituencies due to unrest in the Southeast Asian country.

The ruling military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party had won just 40 seats as of Friday.

The transfer of power should take place after the new Parliament meets early next year and

votes on a new president, along with two vice presidents.

The NLD will face a variety of challenges, not least of which is the huge tide of pent-up expectations evidenced by the vote. Its lack of experience in public administration is another big question.

But the victory is a sweet second chance for the party, which also won a landslide victory in the first election it contested, in 1990, only to see the results annulled by the military, and many of its leading members harassed and jailed.

Suu Kyi herself was put under house arrest prior to the

1990 election, and spent 15 of the next 22 years mostly confined to her lakeside villa in Yangon. She was under house arrest when she won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize.

Few expect the army to put up that kind of roadblock again. It is committed to the economic opportunities of a newly globalized country that encourages foreign trade and investment, and has written provisions into the constitution that guarantee it a leading role in running the country. The military automatically receives 25 percent of the seats in each house of Parliament.

Scores held as biggest rally in years in Seoul turns violent

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Police detained more than 50 protesters and were seeking out others Sunday after violent clashes marred the largest anti-government demonstrations in South Korea's capital in more than seven years.

Police fired tear gas and water cannons on Saturday to disperse about 70,000 people allied with labor, civic and farmers' groups, who took to the streets to rally against conservative President Park Geun-hye. The activists oppose Park's business-friendly labor policies and a decision to require middle and high schools to use only state-issued history textbooks starting in 2017.

A 69-year-old farmer, Baek Nam-gi, remained unconscious at a hospital after he fell and injured his head as police doused him with water cannons near City Hall, said Cho Byung-ok, secretary general of the Korea Peasants League.

Video footage showed Baek lying motionless as other demonstrators struggled to drag him away and police continued to fire water cannons from atop police buses.

Police said they have detained 51 people and could possibly bring in more, including those who they believe might have larger roles in organizing the protests.

Kim Sung-soo, spokesman of the country's main opposition party New Politics Alliance for Democracy, released a state-

ment criticizing the "excessively violent" police suppression of the protest, which he said was responsible for Baek's injury.

The protesters, many of them masked, carried banners and chanted "Park Geun-hye, step down" and "No to layoffs," as they occupied a major downtown street. Some of them clashed with police, who created tight perimeters with buses to block them.

Protesters tried to move some of the buses by pulling ropes they had tied to the vehicles, and police, wearing helmets and body armor, responded by firing tear gas and water cannons.

Labor groups have been denouncing government attempts to change labor laws to allow larger freedom for companies in laying off workers, which policymakers say would be critical in improving a bleak job market for young people.

Government critics also say that state-issued history textbooks, which have not been written yet, would be politically driven and might attempt to whitewash the brutal dictatorships that preceded South Korea's bloody transition toward democracy in the 1980s.

President Park is the daughter of slain military dictator Park Chung-hee, who ruled South Korea in the 1960s and '70s, and whose legacy as a successful economic strategist is marred by records of severe oppression.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Magnitude-7 earthquake strikes off southwest Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Saturday off the coast of southwest Japan, triggering a small tsunami. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The earthquake struck at 5:51 a.m. (20:51 GMT) at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles) about 190 kilometers southwest of Kagoshima city, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. A 30-centimeter (one-foot) tsunami was recorded at 6:45 a.m. on Nakanoshima, a small island to the south of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island. A tsunami advisory for Kagoshima prefecture

and a string of small islands was lifted at 7:20 a.m.

PH forces on alert, assure APEC summit's safety

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine forces went on the highest alert Saturday following the deadly attacks in Paris, in a bid to ensure the safety of President Barack Obama and other Asia-Pacific leaders who will gather in Manila for an annual summit next week. National police chief Director-General Ricardo Marquez said extra security steps, including a gun ban in metropolitan Manila, will reinforce the security of thousands of delegates, including 19 heads of

state, attending the Nov. 18-19 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit at a convention complex by Manila Bay. No specific threat has been monitored anywhere in the country, but security was strengthened at airports, seaports, train stations and other public areas "to maximize deterrence against unforeseen events," national police spokesman Chief Superintendent Wilben Mayor said.

'Jihadi John' Japan victim's mother wants violence to end

TOKYO (AP)—The mother of a Japanese journalist believed to have been killed by the masked Islamic State group militant known as "Ji-

hadi John" said Friday she wishes to see no more violence, and that her peace-loving son would agree. Junko Ishido, the mother of Kenji Goto, said she wants to see the world free of conflict, as her son had wished. "I only wish there will be no more conflicts like these in this world, as my son had hoped to see peace prevail around the world," she told Japanese public broadcaster NHK in a telephone interview in response to news of the militant's possible death in a U.S. drone airstrike. Goto was seen in an Islamic State group beheading video in January, apparently with militant Mohammed Emwazi, a British citizen known as "Jihadi John."

World

In a somber, off-kilter Paris, mass murder leaves emptiness

PARIS (AP)—The indiscriminate taking of so many lives squeezed life out of Paris itself. Not all life but enough to create a sense of emptiness. Although far from extinguished, the City of Light is now unmistakably dimmed.

On somber streets, scattered with the dead leaves of autumn, Parisians went through the motions of trying to pick up where they left off before suicide attackers slaughtered 129 people, the latest official count. So much felt wrong and out of kilter.

The Eiffel Tower closed and, in doing so, became a 324-meter (1,063-foot) tall symbol of how much is changed. Its glittering lights, so powerful they usually radiate beams far and wide across the city, were also switched off Saturday night in mourning.

Disneyland Paris shut its doors. Instead of an Andy Warhol exhibition, the only thing out-of-town visitors Yvette and Guilhem Nougaret saw at the Museum of Modern Art was a sign announcing its closure “because of the circumstances.”

Shoppers expecting to fill their carts with groceries for the week trundled Saturday to outdoor markets only to find them shuttered and empty, on government orders. Bags of ice that



fishmongers would have used to keep wares fresh on their stalls lay unused, melting tears.

As they always do, people still sat and smoked at the sidewalk tables of cafes, but did

so knowing that dozens were gunned down and killed doing exactly that just hours before.

“I wouldn’t sit outside,” waitress Flora Jobert said as she served a thick espresso, advis-

ing her customer to shelter inside. “I mean, you never know.”

Sirens wailing, blue lights flashing, a police car sped past. “It’s been like that all morning,” Jobert said.

How a half-hour of horror washes Paris in blood; 129 dead

PARIS (AP)—The attackers worked in three synchronized teams, wearing matching suicide vests and carrying the same weapons. In an excruciating half-hour, they unleashed their terror. One suicide bombing after another at the national stadium, sprays of gunfire in the crowded restaurants and streets of central Paris, and finally a hostage standoff that drenched a 19th century dance hall with the blood of dozens of young people out for a night of rock music. Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said three suicide attackers died near the stadium, three in the concert hall, and one further south on the same boulevard.

Here is how it happened, based on accounts from French authorities and witnesses.

9 p.m.

Kickoff of the France-Germany soccer match at the French national stadium and the beginning of the rock show at the Bataclan concert hall. Both packed with fans, the match includes French President Francois Hollande among spectators. In the audience at the Eagles of Death Metal show is the sister of French striker Antoine Griezmann, who started in Friday night’s game.

9:20 p.m.

A man with a Syrian passport and an explosives vest blows himself up at Gate D of the stadium, killing himself and a by-

stander. The match continues.

9:25 p.m.

Gunmen in a black rented Seat Leon open fire on a bar and a restaurant—Le Carillon and Petit Cambodge—killing 15 people and leaving more than 100 shell casings of different calibers, including 7.62 mm, strewn at the scene. When the shooting starts, Emilio Macchia, an Italian book designer visiting for a publishing fair, starts to run from the Carillon. “A girl opened the door to her building and let us in. We hid inside with 10 or 15 other people. I still remember one girl, she said she’d seen one huge man shooting. That’s when I realized it was a terror attack.”

9:30 p.m.

A second suicide bomber approaches Gate H of the stadium, blowing himself up but claiming no other victims.

9:32 p.m.

Gunmen in a rented Seat Leon open fire on a La Bonne Biere bar on La Fontaine au Roi street, just around the corner from the restaurant shootings. Five people are killed. About a hundred shells are left on the ground of different caliber, including again 7.62 mm.

9:36 p.m.

President Francois Hollande presses the cell phone to his ear inside the glass-lined booth overlooking the soccer field, absorbing the horror tearing into

the French capital for the second time this year. The digital clock above him ticks away the seconds in red: 21:36:49

Just then, gunmen in a black Seat attack Charonne street, killing 19 people. Sebastien Jagreau, a witness who arrives shortly afterward, says the bodies of dead and wounded were sprawled on tables and the ground. “We saw a lady on the first table I thought she had bump and then we realized it was a bullet in her head and not a bump. She was stretched on the table with her beer next to her. Then I see a guy crying because his wife was dead then we go on and we realize we are in the middle of a pond of blood.” Again, about 100 shell casings are left on the ground, including 7.62 mm.

9:40 p.m.

A black Volkswagen Polo parks outside the Bataclan concert hall on Boulevard Voltaire, and three people emerge, opening fire as they enter the packed venue. Eagles of Death Metal is several songs into the show and playing to a full house. The attackers enter, apparently unnoticed over the loud music, armed with automatic weapons, their bodies wired with explosives.

Among the hostage takers is a Frenchman, one week shy of his 30th birthday, convicted eight times between 2004 and 2010 for minor crimes, and flagged for ties to Islamic radicals. In

brief communication with security forces, the hostage-takers invoke Syria and Iraq. As shots ring out, people escape from side doors of the venue, some dragging bodies with them. One woman clings to a 2nd story window. Among those to escape is Griezmann’s sister.

At that moment, a suicide bomber detonates his vest further down Boulevard Voltaire. The bomber is the only victim.

9:53 p.m.

A suicide attacker about 400 meters (yards) from the stadium detonates his vest, identical to those of the others with TATP explosives. No one else is killed.

12:20 a.m.

Security forces storm the Bataclan. Two of the attackers detonate their suicide vests; a third is shot by law enforcement and the vest explodes. Eighty-nine people are killed, and many remain critically injured. Philippe Juvin, an emergency room doctor at the Georges Pompidou hospital, said he has never had to care for so many victims at once. “The majority were gunshot wounds inflicted with weapons of war, of high caliber, in the thorax, the abdomen, their legs and arms. Also, the psychological trauma, the people that witness these kinds of events are deeply affected, even if some may not be physically injured, it hurts their soul, that is why we had a psychiatrist with us.”

Along with fear, there also was deep and roiling anger. A retired lawyer, a fashion designer, a musician—people interviewed at random—all insisted: Life must go on, no surrender to terror. They clung to those thoughts like lifebuoys.

“I’m scared,” said Patricia Martinot, a cleaner, who still mustered the courage to take her dog, Dream, out for his morning walk and reported to work at dawn, traveling through unusually empty streets.

She looked battered, but not bowed.

“The TV has been on all night,” Martinot said. “I haven’t slept.”

On subdued Metro and suburban trains, passengers stared into the distance, lost in thought. Cesar Combelle, a bass guitarist, was awakened Saturday morning by his sister, who called him panicked, thinking he might have been among at least 89 concert-goers killed at the Bataclan hall, where witnesses described floors running with blood and bodies piled on top of each other.

SIDEBAR

IS group claims Paris attacks, says France at ‘top’ of list

CAIRO (AP)—The Islamic State group on Saturday claimed responsibility for a wave of attacks in Paris that killed 127 people and said France would remain at the “top of the list” of its targets.

An online statement said eight militants armed with explosive belts and automatic weapons attacked carefully chosen targets in the “capital of adultery and vice,” including a soccer stadium where France was playing Germany, and the Bataclan concert hall, where an American rock band was playing, and “hundreds of apostates were attending an adulterous party.”

The statement said France and its supporters “will remain at the top of the list of targets of the Islamic State.”

“The stench of death will not leave their noses as long as they remain at the forefront of the Crusaders’ campaign, dare to curse our prophet, boast of a war on Islam in France, and strike Muslims in the lands of the caliphate with warplanes that were of no use to them in the streets and rotten alleys of Paris,” it said.

France is part of the U.S.-led coalition that has been striking the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq for the past year, and has been targeted by jihadists in the past because of its perceived tolerance of speech deemed offensive to Islam.

The claim was made in statements in Arabic and French released online and circulated by supporters of the group. Supporters also circulated an audio version read by an unidentified speaker whose voice strongly resembled that of an announcer for the IS radio station Al-Bayan. It was not immediately possible to confirm the authenticity of the statements, but they bore the extremists’ logo and resembled previous IS statements.

The statements did not provide the nationalities or other information about the attackers.

French President Francois Hollande had earlier blamed the carnage on the Islamic State group and vowed to strike back.

French anti-terror police were working to identify potential accomplices. Authorities said eight attackers died, seven of them in suicide bombings, a new tactic in France. Police said they shot and killed the other assailant.

Jihadists have targeted France on a number of occasions, including in January, when gunmen stormed the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine that had published caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad deemed offensive to Muslims. That attack, which killed 12 people, was claimed by al-Qaida.

Focus

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Eiffel Tower goes dark as France mourns 129 dead

PARIS (AP)—The Eiffel Tower stood dark in a symbol of mourning Saturday night as France struggled to absorb the deadliest violence on its soil since World War II: coordinated gun-and-suicide bombing attacks across Paris that left at least 129 people dead and 352 injured.

President Francois Hollande vowed that France would wage “merciless” war on the Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for the mayhem, as investigators raced to track down their accomplices and uncovered possible links to networks in Belgium and Syria.

Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said three groups of attackers, including seven suicide bombers, carried out the “act of barbarism” that shattered a Parisian Friday night.

He said the attackers in the Bataclan concert hall, where 89 people died, mentioned Syria and Iraq during their rampage. Of the hundreds wounded in the six attacks, 99 were in critical condition.

Seven attackers launched gun attacks at Paris cafes, detonated suicide bombs near France’s national stadium and killed hostages inside the concert venue during a show by an American rock band—an attack on the heart of the pulsing City of Light.

Ahsan Naeem, a 39-year-old filmmaker, said he’s been to many of the places that were attacked Friday.

“I’ve seen dozens of gigs at the Bataclan. Eaten at the Petit Cambodge. Sat outside Le Carillon on so many nights,” said Naeem, who has lived in Paris for seven years. “All those places will have been full of my people. My friends. My acquaintances.”

Late Saturday, a crowd of up to 250 people gathered for an impromptu candlelight vigil at the Place de la Republique, the site of a massive demonstration in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo killings earlier this year.

Adrien Chambel, a 27-year-old law student, said the crowd was much sparser than in January. “You feel that people are petrified,” Chambel said.

Hollande, who declared three days of national mourning and raised the nation’s security to its highest level, called the carnage “an act of war that was prepared, organized, planned from abroad with internal help.”

The president said France would increase its military efforts to crush IS. He said France—which is part of a U.S.-led coalition bombing suspected IS targets in Syria and Iraq and also has troops fighting Islamic militants in Africa—will be



Pigeons fly at the Tuileries gardens, with the Eiffel Tower in background, in Paris, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 in Paris.

AP

merciless toward the barbarians of Islamic State group.”

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility in an online statement in Arabic and French circulated by supporters. It was not immediately possible to confirm the authenticity of the claim, which bore the group’s logo and resembled previous verified statements from the group.

The statement called Paris “the capital of prostitution and obscenity” and mocked France’s air attacks on suspected IS targets in Syria and Iraq, saying France’s air power was “of no use to them in the streets and rotten alleys of Paris.”

Many of Paris’s top tourist attractions closed down Saturday, including the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum and the Disneyland theme park east of the capital. Some 3,000 troops were deployed to help restore order and reassure a frightened populace.

In Washington, a crowd gathered outside the White House for a vigil near a statue of the Marquis de Lafayette, the French general for whom the park in front of the executive mansion is named.

In New York, the Empire State Building went dark for a second night in sympathy for people of Paris, while One World Trade Center was little with the colors of the French flag.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced that

all public demonstrations would be banned until Thursday and local governments throughout the country would have the option to impose nightly curfews.

The attacks, on an unusually balmy November Friday evening, struck at the heart of Parisian nightlife, including at a soccer match, which draws together spectators of all social classes and backgrounds.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said the attacks had targeted the Paris of diversity, “probably because this example of living together, which is so strong in our city, is unbearable for fanatical people.”

Parisians expressed shock, disgust and defiance in equal measure. Some areas were quiet, but hundreds queued outside a hospital near the Bataclan concert hall to donate blood. As a shrine of flowers expanded along the sidewalk, a lone guitarist sang John Lennon’s peace ballad, “Imagine.”

Authorities said seven attackers died, six in suicide bombings, a new terror tactic in France. Authorities said police shot the other assailant, exploding his suicide vest. Police have detained two relatives of the one attacker who has been identified so far, the prosecutor’s spokeswoman said.

Molins, the prosecutor, said all seven attackers wore identical suicide vests containing the explosive TATP.

Molins said one was identified from fingerprints as a

French-born man with a criminal record.

In addition, a Syrian passport found near the body of another attacker was linked to a man who entered the European Union through a Greek island last month.

Officials in Greece said the passport’s owner entered in October through Leros, one of the islands that tens of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty in Syria and elsewhere have been using as a gateway into the European Union. Molins said the Syria-linked attacker was not known to French intelligence services.

If the attack does involve militants who traveled to Europe amid millions of refugees from the Middle East, the implications could be profound.

Poland’s prospective minister for European affairs, Konrad Szymanski, said that in light of the attacks, Poland would not comply with an EU plan to accept refugees unless it received “guarantees of security.”

The attack brought an immediate tightening of borders as Hollande declared a state of emergency and announced renewed border checks. Germany also stepped up border checks.

Belgian authorities conducted raids in a Brussels neighborhood and arrested three people near the border with France after a car with Belgian license plates was seen close to the Bataclan theater. Molins said a French national was among the

three arrested.

The militants launched six gun and bomb attacks over the course of 20 minutes Friday in areas of the capital packed with people.

Three suicide bombs targeted spots around the national Stade de France stadium, in the north of the capital, where Hollande was watching a France-Germany soccer match. Fans inside the stadium recoiled at the sound of explosions, but the match continued.

Around the same time, fusillades of bullets shook a trendy Paris neighborhood as gunmen targeted a string of crowded cafes.

The attackers next stormed the Bataclan concert hall, which was hosting the American rock band Eagles of Death Metal. They opened fire on the panicked audience and took many hostage. As police closed in, three detonated explosive belts, killing themselves, according to Paris police chief Michel Cadot.

Another assailant detonated a suicide bomb on Boulevard Voltaire, near the music hall, the prosecutor’s office said.

Video shot by Le Monde reporter Daniel Psenney from his balcony captured scenes of panic as people fled the Bataclan, some bloodied and limping, others dragging two bodies. Three people could be seen clinging to upper-floor balcony railings in a desperate bid to stay out of the line of fire.

A tall 38-year-old concert-goer named Sylvain collapsed in tears as he described escaping from the chaos during a lull in gunfire.

“There were shots everywhere, in waves,” Sylvain told The Associated Press. “I lay down on the floor. I saw at least two shooters, but I heard others talk. They cried, ‘It’s Hollande’s fault.’ I heard one of the shooters shout, ‘Allahu Akbar.’”

He spoke on condition that his full name not be used out of concern for his safety.

The Paris carnage was the worst in a series of attacks claimed by the Islamic State group in the past three days. On Thursday, twin suicide bombings in Beirut killed at least 43 people and wounded more than 200, and 26 people died Friday in Baghdad in a suicide blast and a roadside bombing that targeted Shiites.

The militant group also said it bombed a Russian plane that crashed in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula on Oct. 31, killing 224 people.

IS also suffered significant reversals this week, with Kurdish forces launching an offensive to retake the strategic Iraqi city of Sinjar and the U.S. military saying it had likely killed Mohammed Emwazi, the British-accented militant known as “Jihadi John” who is seen in grisly IS beheading videos. The Pentagon also said an American airstrike targeted and likely killed Abu Nabil, a top Islamic State leader in Libya.

France has been on edge since January, when Islamic extremists attacked the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which had run cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, and a kosher grocery. Twenty people died in those attacks, including three shooters.

Paris resident Olivier Bas was among several hundred people who gathered at the site of the Bataclan massacre Saturday, laying flowers and lighting candles only a few hundred yards (meters) from where a police officer was murdered during the Charlie Hebdo attacks.

Although Paris was quiet and jittery, Bas said that he intended to go out for a drink—to show that they won’t win.”

Meanwhile, French authorities continued their investigation. They are particularly concerned about the threat from hundreds of French Islamic radicals who are known to have traveled to Syria and have returned home, potentially with skills to mount attacks.

“The big question on everyone’s mind is: Were these attackers—if they turn out to be connected to one of the groups in Syria—were they homegrown terrorists or were they returning fighters?” said Brian Michael Jenkins, a terrorism expert.

Health & Fitness

Drug might help breast cancer patients avoid heart damage

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Many cancer treatments have a dark side—they can damage the heart. New research suggests this risk might be lowered in women with breast tumors if they take a heart drug as a preventive measure during their cancer care.

If confirmed in wider testing, this could improve care for thousands of breast cancer patients in the U.S. alone each year, plus other women and some men who also get these treatments for other types of cancer.

As it stands now, cancer patients are referred to cardiologists after certain cancer drugs or radiation treatments have already weakened their hearts. Special clinics are springing up in hospitals to take care of the growing number of cancer survivors with this problem.

“If you wait until the disease has occurred, it may be too late” to do much good, said Dr. Javid Moslehi, who heads one such specialty clinic at Vanderbilt University. “We in the cardiology community have to do a better job of preventing cardiac disease rather than jumping in” after damage has occurred.

He had no role in the new study, which was done in Norway. Results were discussed Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference in Orlando.

Radiation treatments can harm arteries, making them prone to harden and clog and cause a heart attack. It also can cause valve or rhythm troubles. Certain cancer drugs, such as Herceptin and doxorubicin, sold as Adriamycin and other brands, can hurt the heart’s ability to pump, and lead to heart failure.

“We give poison with a purpose,” because it fights cancer, but heart problems can be “one of the dark sides of that,” said Dr. Ann Partridge, a breast cancer specialist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

One of her patients, Christine Ells, 36, a teacher in the Boston suburb of Quincy, developed a heart rhythm problem from several drugs she was given to treat the breast cancer she was diagnosed with at age 27.

“The risks of these drugs are crazy,” she said, but “it was more important to cure my cancer.”

The new study aimed to prevent cardiac side effects. Led by



Cancer survivor Christine Ells embraces her twenty-month-old son Jameson after arriving home from work in Whitman, Mass., Monday, Nov. 9, 2015.

AP

things get better or worse over time, or whether a different drug in the same class would work better.

Still, it’s a first.

As cancer patients are living longer, the risk of dying from heart problems actually exceeds that of cancer, so it’s important to prevent damage, Ky said.

The University of South Florida has a federally funded study underway, testing drugs to prevent heart failure for women on Herceptin, that may help answer some questions.

Meanwhile, some doctors already are considering this tactic, especially in women taking drugs known to harm the heart or who already have some risk factors for heart problems.

Dr. Geeta Gulati of Akershus University Hospital in Lorenskog, Norway, it involved 120 women with early-stage breast cancer and tested two drugs long used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure—candesartan and metoprolol. The drugs are available as generics and cost less than a dollar a day.

Women were given one or both drugs or dummy pills, and their hearts’ pumping capacity was assessed at various time points with MRI scans.

Heart damage worsened

in the group on dummy pills. Metoprolol did not prevent heart decline but candesartan did, although the benefit was small—an improvement of 2 percent to 3 percent in pumping strength compared to the placebo group.

“The major issue is, the effect was very modest,” so whether that prevents heart failure from developing down the road is not known, said Dr. Bonnie Ky, a cardio-oncology specialist at the University of Pennsylvania.

It’s also not known whether

Obesity still rising among US adults, women overtake men

NEW YORK (AP)—Obesity is still rising among American adults, despite more than a decade of public-awareness campaigns and other efforts to get people to watch their weight, and women have now overtaken men in the obese category, new government research shows.

For the past several years, experts thought the nation’s alarming, decades-long rise in obesity had leveled off. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report Thursday that the obesity rate climbed to nearly 38 percent of adults in 2013-14, up from 32 percent about a decade earlier.

“This is a striking finding” and suggests that a situation that was thought to be stable is getting worse, said Dr. William Dietz, an obesity expert at George Washington University.

But another authority, the

University of North Carolina’s Barry Popkin, urged caution, saying the participants selected for the study may not have been representative of the nation as a whole.

Experts said they had no explanation for why the obesity rate appears to be rising.

The report also found a tipping of the scales toward women. Obesity rates for men and women had been roughly the same for about a decade. But in the new report, the rate was significantly higher for women, at 38 percent, compared with 34 percent for men.

Obesity—which means not merely overweight, but seriously overweight—is considered one of the nation’s leading public health problems. Until the early 1980s, only about 1 in 6 adults were obese, but the rate climbed dramatically until it hit about 1 in 3

around a decade ago.

The new figures come from a regular government survey that has about 5,000 participants each year. In interviews, people tend to understate their weight and overstate their height. But participants in this survey are actually weighed. Because of that, it is considered the gold standard for measuring the nation’s waistline.

The news comes after years of government anti-obesity campaigns to encourage people to eat better and exercise. Also, soda consumption has dropped in recent years, and fast-food chains have adopted healthier menus.

New federal rules have also been adopted to remove artificial trans fats from grocery store foods and to require chain restaurants to post calorie counts, though those have not gone into effect yet.

New produce safety rules aim to prevent illness outbreaks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration wants you to eat your fruits and vegetables. They also want the produce to be safe.

Long-awaited rules announced by the Food and Drug Administration Friday are designed to help prevent large-scale, deadly outbreaks of foodborne illness like those linked to fresh spinach, cantaloupes, cucumbers and other foods over the last decade. That means making sure workers are trained to wash their hands, irrigation water is monitored for harmful bacteria and animals do not leave droppings in fields.

The rules will phase in over the next several years and give the FDA sweeping new oversight

over how food is grown on farms.

The majority of farmers and food manufacturers already follow good safety practices, but the rules are intended to give greater focus on prevention in a system that has been largely reactive after large outbreaks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 48 million people—or 1 in 6 people in the United States—are sickened each year from foodborne diseases, and an estimated 3,000 people die.

The Obama administration has said they don’t want people to eat fewer fruits and vegetables because of safety concerns.

“The rules will help better protect consumers from foodborne illness and strengthen

their confidence that modern preventive practices are in place, no matter where in the world the food is produced,” said Michael Taylor, the FDA deputy commissioner for foods.

The FDA also released rules Friday that will require importers to be more accountable for the safety of food they bring into the U.S. market. The government estimates that about 52 percent of fresh fruit and 22 percent of fresh vegetables are imported.

Taylor said both rules could help prevent illnesses such as an ongoing outbreak of salmonella linked to cucumber imported from Mexico. In that outbreak, four people have died and more than 700 people have fallen ill.

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Designing practical exercises

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 - Exerting force on a stationary object



- 3 Put together exercise routines that will improve your strength for those movements

Example

Goal: Climb stairs more easily, with less discomfort

Exercises: Squats and step-ups, which strengthen muscles used in stair climbing



Life & Style

Foo Fighters, Natalie Portman cancel events in Paris

NEW YORK (AP)—The Foo Fighters, Natalie Portman, U2 and other entertainers have canceled events in Paris following deadly terrorist attacks in the city.

The Foo Fighters canceled the remaining dates of their European tour, including a planned show in Paris on Monday. Film distributor Mars said Saturday it had canceled promotional appearances for the film “Jane Got a Gun” starring Portman.

The Oscar-winning actress was scheduled to appear at the film’s premiere and junket interviews on Monday in Paris.

“Because of the events (Friday) night, we are canceling TV

U2 ‘shocked’ by deadly Paris attacks, cancels concert

NEW YORK (AP)—U2 has postponed its Saturday night concert in Paris in the light of the deadly attacks across the city Friday night.

Instead, the band says in a statement that it is resolved to go ahead with the concert “at an appropriate time.”

U2 members say they watched in shock and disbelief at the unfolding events and were devastated by the loss of life at the concert held by Eagles of Death Metal, one of several sites in the city that was violently attacked.

U2 members say: “We hope and pray that all of our fans in Paris are safe.”

HBO had planned to televise the band’s performance. It says it will replace the planned show with the film “Jersey Boys.”

appearances, junket and pre-view appearances with Natalie Portman Nov. 15-16,” the film distributor said in a statement Saturday.

A Sunday photo call for the film “Bridge of Spies”—where Steven Spielberg, Mark Rylance and Amy Ryan were scheduled to appear—was canceled by the film’s distributor, Twentieth Century Fox.

U2 postponed its Saturday night concert in Paris, which was to be aired by HBO. The Foo Fighters were scheduled to play at the Accor Hotels Arena in Paris on Monday. The Dave Grohl-led band canceled Friday night’s show in Casalecchio Di Reno, Italy, as well as concerts in Turin, Italy; Lyon, France; and Barcelona, Spain.

“It is with profound sadness and heartfelt concern for everyone in Paris that we have been forced to announce the cancellation of the rest of our tour. In light of this senseless violence, the closing of bor-

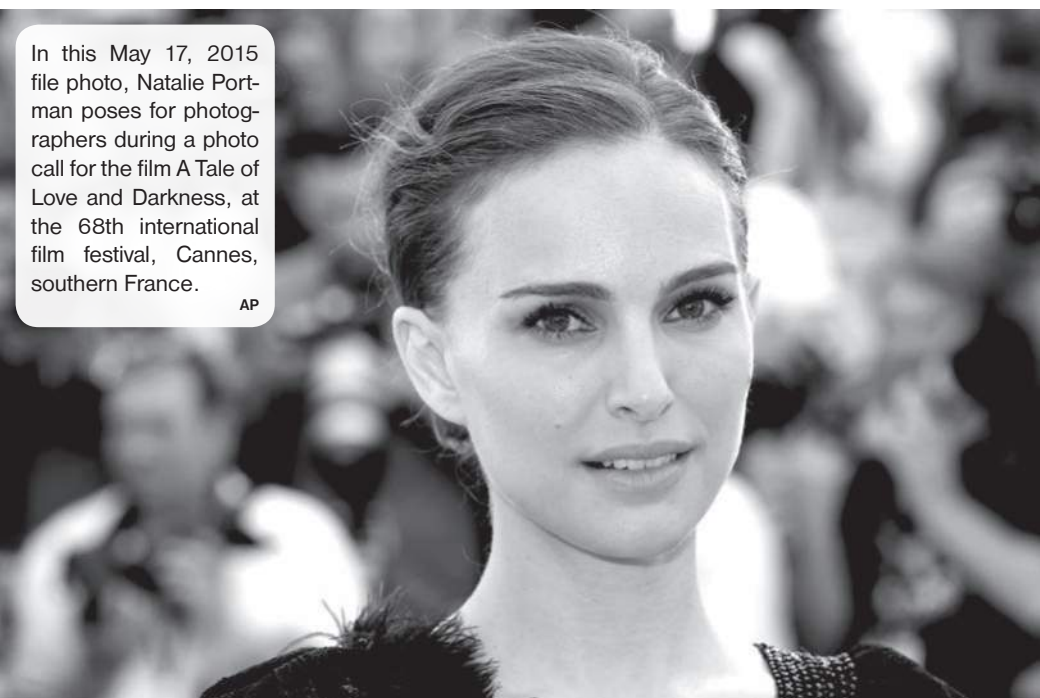
Justin Bieber answers questions, performs songs for fans

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber is proving to fans that he has a new “Purpose” in life.

On the day of his latest album release, the beleaguered pop star fielded questions and performed tunes from “Purpose” in a series of sold-out fan events held Friday at Staples Center.

Bieber made his way to the rotating stage on a skateboard for the first of three engagements before taking requests from the crowd of mostly young female fans. The queries ranged from “Will you marry?” to “Are you happy?” Bieber answered affirmatively to both questions.

“I’m happy overall,” said Bieber. “I’m a little stressed out,



In this May 17, 2015 file photo, Natalie Portman poses for photographers during a photo call for the film A Tale of Love and Darkness, at the 68th international film festival, Cannes, southern France. AP

ders, and international mourning, we can’t continue right now,” the band said in a statement released Saturday.

“There is no other way to say it. This is crazy and it sucks. Our thoughts and prayers are with

everyone who was hurt or who lost a loved one.”

At least 129 people were killed Friday at suicide bombings near France’s national stadium, shootings at Paris cafes and a hostage-taking inside the

concert theater Bataclan, where the American rock band Eagles of Death Metal was scheduled to perform.

The terrorism-themed movie “Made in France” had a Nov. 18 release date but it was being

but I’m happy. I’m just being honest.”

However, Bieber did appear perturbed when some overzealous attendees lobbed objects onto the stage, including a smartphone. He cautioned the crowd against it before returning the iPhone. One fan told Bieber she skipped school to attend the event and asked him for a photo.

“I would say school is important, but this is probably a little more important,” joked Bieber. “Stay in school, kids.”

Several fans asked Bieber about overcoming troubles. His redemption was a recurring topic during the 90-minute event.

Earlier this month, Bieber received a favorable probation report after completing his sentence in a vandalism case filed after he damaged a neighbor’s house with eggs.

“I just felt like I lost my place for a while,” said Bieber. “I lost my purpose, and I wanted to just be light and let people know that whether you don’t feel like you have a purpose, whether you’re just trying to figure it out, there’s a light at the end of the tunnel.”

After the Q&A session, Bieber was joined by an acoustic guitarist and performed five songs, including new tunes “Sorry” and “What Do You Mean?”

In his first arena performance

since releasing his fourth studio album, the 21-year-old singing sensation was admittedly a bit rusty. He lamented that a speaker delay was affecting his vocal ability. At one point, he forgot the words to “Love Yourself.”

Bieber quickly rebounded and crooned a couple of songs while simultaneously skateboarding on the stage. He sent the crowd into a frenzy when he plucked a fan from the audience and serenaded her with “One Less Lonely Girl.” Following the performance, Bieber debuted a 45-minute dance video featuring several of his new tunes—but not much Biebs.

“Keep being the best versions

postponed. The French film’s poster shows an automatic rifle on top of the Eiffel Tower.

The Grammy-winning U.S. rock band Deftones were also scheduled to play at the venue on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

“Thank for all your inquiries on our well being. Band/Crew all safe and accounted for at this time. Prayers for those affected in these tragic events,” Deftones wrote on its Facebook page on Friday.

U2 said they will perform their show “at an appropriate time.”

“We watched in disbelief and shock at the unfolding events in Paris and our hearts go out to all the victims and their families across the city tonight,” the band said in a statement released Friday. “We are devastated at the loss of life at the Eagles of Death Metal concert and our thoughts and prayers are with the band and their fans. And we hope and pray that all of our fans in Paris are safe.”

of yourselves,” Bieber told the crowd as he left the stage. “I’m gonna try to do the same.”

The tickets for “An Evening with Justin Bieber” were \$18 or \$22 with a copy of “Purpose.” Bieber devotee Samantha Kwan said the price of admission was worth it.

“I mean, it was only five songs, but I got to see him in person for \$18, and he’s totally hot,” she said. “I wish I could come back for the other shows.”

Bieber posted on Twitter after the first scheduled event that the other engagements, as well as a live stream, would go on as planned following the shootings and explosions in Paris.

Husband working at strip club gets dressing-down from wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband works as a bouncer at a strip club. I was OK with it at first, but then he started making friends with the dancers and waitresses. They exchange phone numbers, and he talks to some of them late at night when I’m sleeping. I get upset and jealous that these women are getting his time. It causes fights. What should I do?

WIFE OF A TEXAS BOUNCER

DEAR WIFE: Is your husband placing these calls, or are the women calling him? Tell him you feel they are a threat to your marriage and ask why the calls happen after you have gone to bed.

It’s possible the conversations are innocent. The women may relate to him because his job makes them feel “safe” with him. Many co-workers converse after work. Because a woman works in a strip club doesn’t mean she’s a predator.

However, because the timing of these calls bothers you, ask him if he would have them call before work rather than afterward when you would like him in bed with you.

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DEAR ABBY: I host holiday dinners and always invite my husband’s side of the family as well as mine. Each time, my brother’s wife, “Arlene,” asks if my husband’s family will be there, and says if they are, they won’t attend. They are the only ones who don’t

show up; all the rest of my family does.

When I asked Arlene if she has a problem with my husband’s side of the family, she said no, she just feels we don’t pay as much attention to her when there is “so much family.”

I have tried having separate dinners, but as the years have passed, it has gotten harder to cook two Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners on separate days. After 30 years of this, I’m tired of having my feelings hurt and trying to please my brother and his wife. How am I supposed to respond when she texts me telling me that if it’s just our family they’ll attend?

TIRED OF IT IN IOWA

DEAR TIRED: You are too kind. I wish you had asked this question 30 years ago because, if you had, I could have spared you a lot of grief. The next time your self-centered sister-in-law pulls that stunt, send her a text saying, “Sorry you can’t make it. We’ll miss you!” Then add a smiling emoji.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter sent out save-the-date cards for her wedding next year. Many of our family members live out of state and abroad.

Save-the-date cards were also sent to my co-workers. When the wedding happens, I will have been gone from that company for three months. Does sending the card obligate us to invite people

DEAR ABBY

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who will then be my former co-workers?

UNSURE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

DEAR UNSURE: Yes. If you don’t send an invitation or an explanation, your former co-workers may feel they were asked to save the date not because they were considered friends, but that it was a bid for more gifts for your daughter. And they wouldn’t be wrong.

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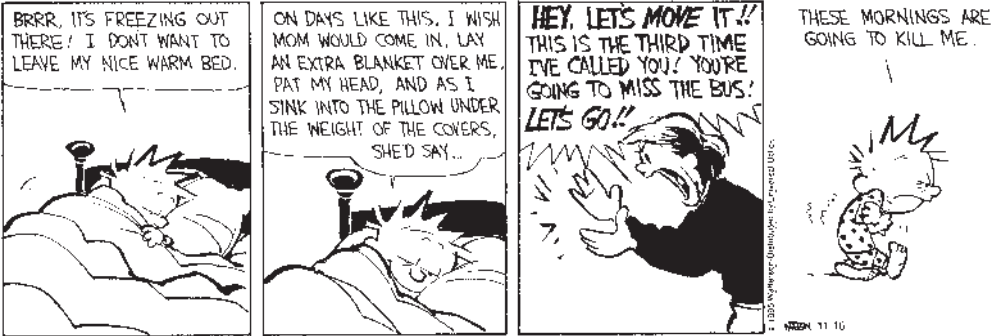
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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

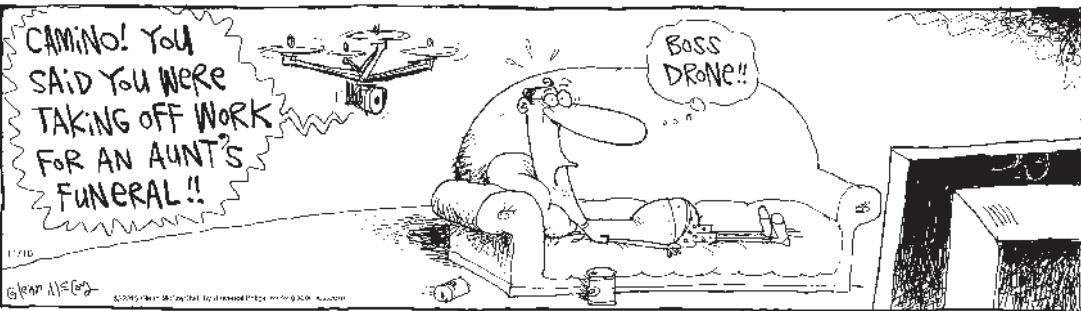
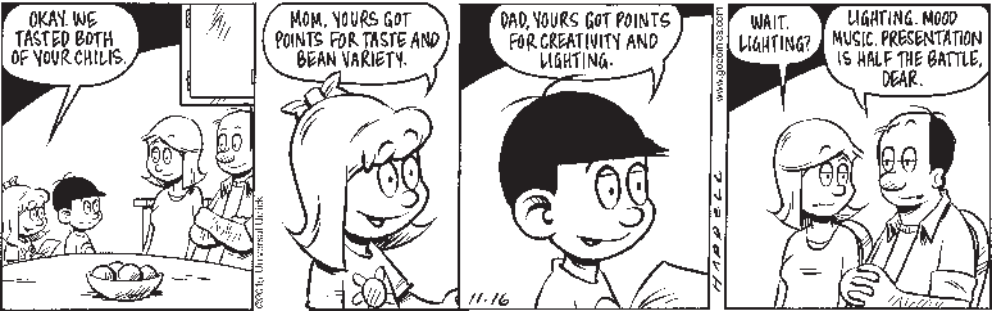
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1 Pan handler?

5 "ER" roles

8 Barkers

12 Talking bird

14 24-hr. breakfast chain

15 "The danger has passed"

16 "— Zapata!"

17 King of Egypt

18 Fools

20 Flower

23 Whirl

24 Lion's den

25 BBC show about cars and driving

28 QB's stats

29 Helpers

30 — Abner

32 "What-ever you say, hon"

34 Exited

35 Saturates

36 Rocky, for one

37 Brunch cocktail

40 "lck!"

41 Awful dinner guest

42 1991 De Niro film

47 Slightly

48 Didn't give up

49 Pre-college exams

50 Campus VIPs

51 Not wild

DOWN

1 Tax prep pro

2 Tony-winning Prince

3 Goethe's "The —-King"

4 Aspect

5 Track event

6 Narc's org.

7 Paint remover

8 Sacred

9 Oberlin's state

10 Big D.C. employer

11 Posh retreats

13 Model/TV host Heidi

19 Does dirty work?

20 Journalist Nellie

21 — Luck

22 French river

23 Scotch mixers

25 Neckwear pins

26 Mr. Trebek

27 Teeming

29 Lemony drinks

31 USPS item

33 Duel tools

34 Lean, as cuisine

36 Borscht

37 Wharton grads

38 Tiny bit

39 Water under the bridge?

40 Omar of "The Mod Squad"

43 —

44 Pilot's guess (Abbr.)

45 Goal

46 GPS info

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 11-16

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 38; Martha Plimpton, 45; Dean McDermott, 49; Marg Helgenberger, 57.

Happy Birthday: Speak your mind and follow through with hard work, practicality and confidence. Let past experiences help you make good choices and bring about the changes that will allow you to use your skills to their fullest. A wide variety of opportunities await you if you are progressive and ready to put yourself on the line. Your numbers are 3, 8, 19, 23, 32, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Show some initiative. If you wait too long, someone will outmaneuver you. Look out for yourself and refuse to let anyone charm you into taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Compliments will not pay the bills. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consistency will make you look good and help you outperform anyone who is trying to beat you at your own game. It's vital for you to stay focused and do your best to finish what you start. Don't let emotional issues cost you financially. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get involved in activities that are conducive to meeting new people or sharing something special with someone you love. Take pride in the way you look and put your best foot forward. Don't neglect your responsibilities. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do the things you enjoy. Take care of your health and be careful while doing anything that

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't back someone else financially. A deal being offered isn't as good as you are being led to believe. Invest in your skills and knowledge, not in what someone else is trying to accomplish. Romance will improve your life. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share concerns with friends and you'll come up with a solution to a problem that has been keeping you awake at night. Honesty will bring emotions to the surface. Confront anyone who has been leaning on you too heavily. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face problems at home if you try to ignore the emotional issues that are bothering you. Check out ways to cut corners or bring in extra cash if your finances are getting you down. Update your look for a quick pick-me-up. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expand an idea you have and share your plans with the people you feel can contribute. A steady approach and a unique presentation will capture attention. Short trips will pay off as long as you are open to suggestions. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Doubt will set if you aren't precise and detailed in all that you do. It's important to express your thoughts and ask questions if something is unclear. You can bring about positive changes at home that will improve your love life. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let a last-minute change of plans end up costing you financially. Stay on top of your money matters and avoid joint ventures. A discussion with someone you work with will help you advance. Protect your health. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone will provide you with poor information. Make changes based on what works best for you. There is money to be made if you invest in your abilities, your appearance and your future. Romance will lead to a commitment. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The information you pick up at a tradeshow, conference or just by listening to someone who has more life experience will help push you in a favorable direction. A partnership or contribution will be the influence and boost you need. ★★★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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French players work through heavy hearts after Paris attacks



TORONTO (AP)—Pelicans center Alexis Ajinca admitted he had a hard time focusing on basketball Friday night.

The Saint-Etienne, France native was worried about the safety of his family in Paris, where terrorist attacks killed at least 120 people. He didn't get confirmation they were all safe until after New Orleans' 100-81 loss at Toronto, and he was especially concerned for a cousin who was at the soccer friendly rocked by the sound of nearby explosions.

"It's just a crazy world. You think you're safe, you're just walking down the street and the next thing you know, people start shooting," Ajinca said. "My prayers go to my family and friends."

Ajinca wrote "Pray for Paris" on his sneakers and asked his Twitter followers to "Pray for my family and friends" prior to the game.

"During the whole game I was trying to get this out of my mind so I was able to stay focused," Ajinca said after he had 10 points and nine rebounds in the loss.

"It felt weird. I was thinking about it the whole game."

Less than 24 hours after the attacks, the wounds still hurt.

After Pacers center Ian Mahinmi used Twitter to express his condolences Friday night, he issued a long statement Sat-



urday thanking friends and fans for their support.

But the Rouen, France, native who played on the 2014 national team and sometimes writes tweets in French, was still shocked by what happened in his home country.

"While I am comforted in that my family and friends in that area are safe, I'm pained by the loss suffered by my country and

those affected by this horrific event," Mahinmi said in a statement released by the Pacers. "It both saddens and sickens me that some have little or no regard for human life, not only in this particular circumstance but also in everyday life."

He acknowledged that Friday night's game against Minnesota was tough to get through.

Mahinmi wasn't the only

NBA player with French ties who struggled with his emotions.

In Chicago, the Hornets' Nicolas Batum and Bulls' Joakim Noah shared a moment prior to their game. Batum is from Lisieux, France and played for the French national team at the 2012 Olympics. Noah's father is French former tennis player Yannick Noah. The pair asked

about each other's families prior to tipoff, and both had good news to report.

"Still a tough day for us," Batum said after Chicago's 102-97 win. "I think about it all game. I wanted to do a good game to show them in my way, we're strong."

Batum said he stayed on his phone as long as possible before the game trying to locate his family. He has a sister who

The flag of France is held on the court during the playing of the French national anthem to honor the victims of yesterday's terrorist attacks in Paris, France before an NBA basketball game between the Washington Wizards and the Orlando Magic, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, in Washington.

lives near the site of one of the attacks.

"I talked to my sister and some friends and everybody is all right," Batum said. "They're shocked. They told me Paris is like a war outside. Everybody is outside. The police is outside. The army is outside."

Noah lived in Paris from 1988 to 1998, and his dad won the French Open at Paris' Roland Garros in 1983. Noah also called family before the game to confirm everyone was all right.

NBA arenas around the league held moments of silence for the victims in Paris. French players Boris Diaw and Kevin Seraphin were among the many players who tweeted their thoughts for victims and the country. Cavaliers star LeBron James also weighed in and offered his condolences.

"Our world right now is having so many different tragedies, so many different innocent people and victims are losing lives over nonsense, and hopefully at some point in time people will realize that's not the way to live," James said.

Bayless, Carter-Williams get 17 in Bucks' 2OT win over Cavs

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Jerry Bayless scored 17 points and held LeBron James scoreless over the final 3:15 of the second overtime, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat Cleveland 108-105 on Saturday night, snapping the Cavaliers' eight-game winning streak.

James scored 37 points for Cleveland, which lost for the first time since dropping a 97-95 decision at Chicago in the season opener on Oct. 27.

Michael Carter-Williams scored 17 points for Milwaukee while Giannis Antetokounmpo had 16 points and 11 rebounds in 45 minutes before fouling out with 3:15 left in the second overtime. Greg Monroe scored 16 points and had 17 rebounds for the Bucks.

Bayless drew the assignment of guarding James after Antetokounmpo fouled out, and he held the Cleveland star scoreless the rest of the game.

J.R. Smith hit a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left to pull Cleveland within 108-105.

Bayless missed a running one-hander with 5 seconds to go, but Monroe grabbed the offensive rebound with 3 seconds left to seal the victory for Milwaukee.

Cleveland's Kevin Love had 24 points and 14 rebounds for his 300th career double-double in just 449 NBA games.

Mo Williams, starting in

place of Cleveland's injured Kyrie Irving, was held to four points despite coming into the game averaging 16.9.

With the score tied in the first overtime, James blocked a shot by Bayless with 10 seconds left. Cleveland called time out, but James 3-point attempt missed at the buzzer to send the game into a second overtime.

James scored six points in the final 1:24 of regulation, tying the score at 88-88 on a two-handed dunk with 16.5 seconds to go. After a timeout, Cleveland double-teamed Monroe and Bayless missed a 16-foot jumper as time expired, sending the game into overtime.

The Cavaliers' defense pushed the game into overtime by forcing three Milwaukee turnovers in the final 1:47 of the fourth quarter.

The Bucks held Cleveland scoreless for more than 5 minutes in the third quarter, scoring 10 consecutive points to take a 64-55 lead on Monroe's 13-foot jumper with 5:35 left. James scored five points in the final 9 minutes of the quarter, but was the only Cleveland player to score in that time, and Milwaukee led 70-61 after three quarters.

Carter-Williams dunked in a missed shot as time expired in the first half, giving Milwaukee a 50-44 lead.

Warriors 107, Nets 99

In Oakland, Calif., Stephen Curry scored 21 of his 34 points after halftime, Andre Iguodala hit a clutch 3-pointer and the Warriors survived in overtime, beating the Nets.

Iguodala added 18 points for the Warriors, who won their 11th straight to start the season. Andrew Bogut had 10 points and 18 rebounds.

Draymond Green recorded a triple-double with 16 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. Harrison Barnes added 13 points.

Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 28 and Thaddeus Young added 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets.

Jack and Young each sank a pair of free throws in the final 30 seconds of regulation to give the Nets a 3-point edge.

Iguodala tied it with a 3 with 5.9 seconds left and Lopez missed a short jumper at the buzzer.

The Warriors scored the first 10 points of the extra period to pull away.

Clippers 101, Pistons 96

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored 34 points, including a crucial jumper with 17 seconds left, and the Clippers rallied to beat the Pistons, ending a two-game skid.

Jamal Crawford added a season-high 37 points, making all 10 of his free throws, and DeAndre Jordan had 10 points and 16 rebounds for the Clippers, who were without injured starters Chris Paul and J.J. Redick.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 20 points, Andre Drummond had 18 points and 19 rebounds, and Reggie Jackson added 20 points in Detroit's third straight loss. The Pistons have dropped nine in a row to the Clippers.

With the Clippers leading 95-94, Paul Pierce missed and Griffin scrambled for the rebound. As he was falling out of bounds on the baseline, he threw the ball off Ilyasova to retain possession. Griffin then hit a 20-footer to extend the lead to 97-94.

Wizards 108, Magic 99

In Washington, Kris Humphries scored 23 points, Garrett Temple matched his career high with 18 points and the Wizards beat the Magic 108-99 to end a three-game losing streak.

Humphries made a career-high five 3-pointers, including one with 4:45 remaining as part of an 8-0 Washington run for a 94-90 lead.

Orlando has lost 10 straight to Washington. It was led by Nikola Vucevic's 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Evan Fournier

had 18 points.

Temple started in place of injured Bradley Beal and played 31 minutes. Before this game, Temple played just 35 minutes all season.

John Wall had 15 points and 11 assists for the Wizards.

Mavericks 110, Rockets 98

In Houston, Raymond Felton scored 23 points, Charlie Villanueva added 19 and the short-handed Mavericks beat the Rockets.

Dallas played without a trio of starters—Dirk Nowitzki, Wesley Matthews and Chandler Parsons—but it didn't matter as they took advantage of the slumping Rockets.

Emotions ran high and plenty of hard fouls were shared between the in-state rivals. They met in the first round of the playoffs in April, where Houston won 4-1.

Elevated by Houston's poor defense and their own hot shooting, the Mavericks scored a season-high 57 first-half points.

James Harden led Houston with 25 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, and Terrence Jones had 23 points. The Rockets fell to 1-3 this season in games played without center Dwight Howard, who rested on Saturday night.

Spurs 92, 76ers 83

In San Antonio, LaMarcus Al-

drige had 17 points and 19 rebounds to help the Spurs beat the 76ers.

The loss was the 76ers' 10th straight to open their season and 20th overall dating back to last season.

Tony Parker scored 16 points and Tim Duncan added 15 for San Antonio, which has won four straight and is 3-0 at home.

Philadelphia rookie center Jahlil Okafor had 21 points and 12 rebounds for his second double-double. Nerlens Noel, returning after a two-game absence due to a sore wrist, was limited to six points and three rebounds.

San Antonio was without Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili, but their absence wasn't felt against a young Philadelphia squad.

Suns 105, Nuggets 81

In Phoenix, Eric Bledsoe scored 30 points, and the Suns cruised to a win over the Nuggets.

Tyson Chandler added 11 points and eight rebounds as Phoenix stopped Denver's three-game winning streak. The Suns have won seven of the last eight meetings between the teams.

Will Barton led the Nuggets with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Emmanuel Mudiay scored 13.

Phoenix led by as many as 37 points in the second half and was in control from almost the very start of the game.

Rex's place: Bills beat Jets in Ryan's return, 22-17



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Jilted by the Jets, Rex Ryan got even.

Thanks to his pride and joy, the defense, Ryan's return to the Meadowlands was a successful one Thursday night. That defense shut down Ryan's former team for much of the game, and the Bills scored on offense and special teams in a 22-17 victory over New York.

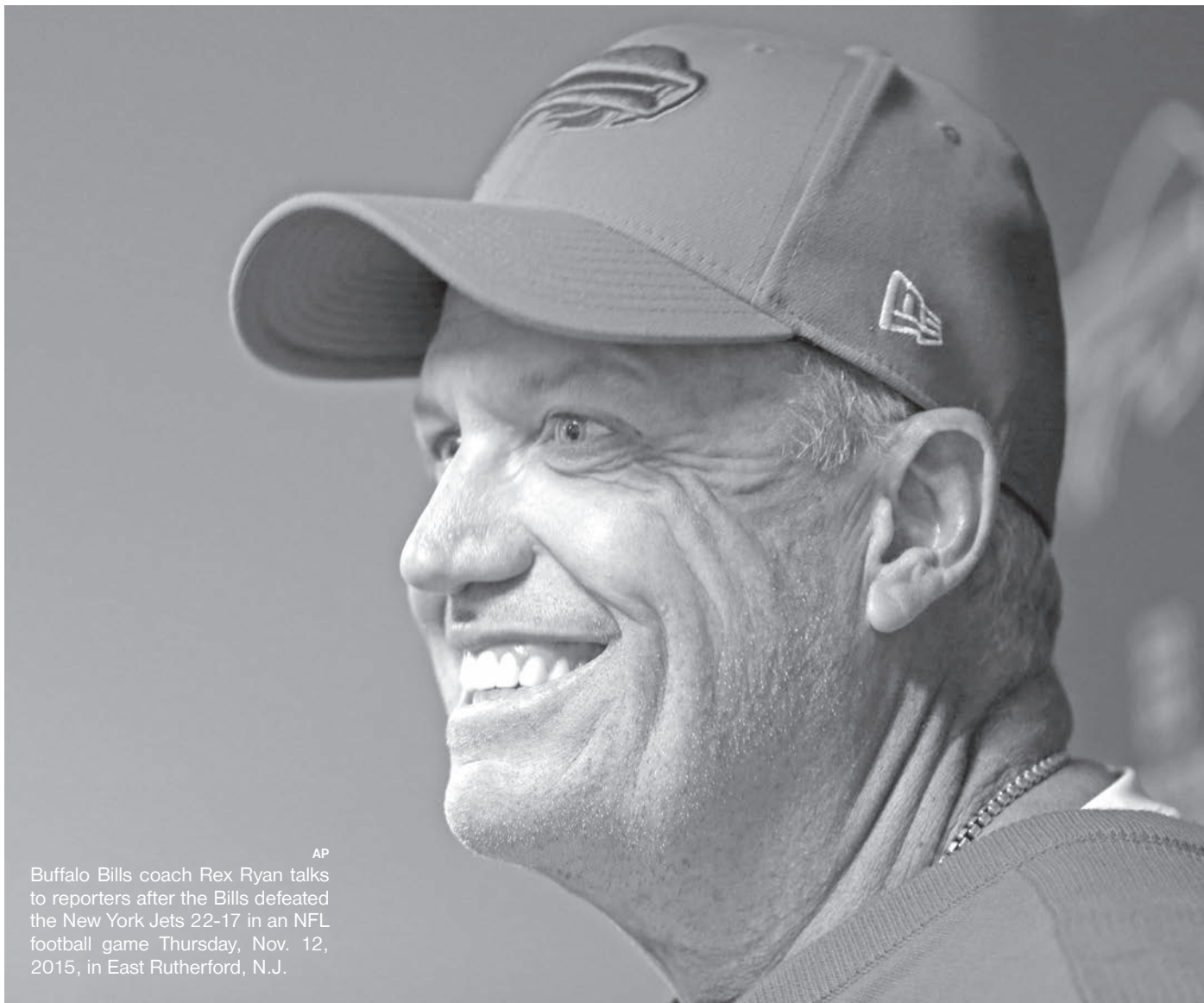
Ryan was fired by the Jets after six seasons and immediately hired by Buffalo last January. His defense had two interceptions, recovered a fumble and stopped the Jets inside the Bills 10 in the final minutes—prompting some vigorous fist pumps Ryan repeated, along with a flying headset, when Barcarri Rambo clinched it with a last-minute pick.

"I can tell the truth, this thing is kind of like being dumped by some girl you have the hots for," Ryan said to reporters at an overflowing news conference. "Every guy in this room has been dumped by a girl. You move on, and every now and then, they call you back."

"And they can't have you back."

Ryan got his call-back as Duke Williams returned a fumbled kickoff 19 yards for the go-ahead points, rookie Karlos Williams had a 26-yard touchdown catch and Dan Carpenter kicked three field goals. Buffalo (5-4) moved into the wild-card playoff picture, while the Jets (5-4) have lost three of their last four games.

"Our guys stood on their heads and held them out of the end zone," said Ryan, who did not come out to the field dur-



AP
Buffalo Bills coach Rex Ryan talks to reporters after the Bills defeated the New York Jets 22-17 in an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, in East Rutherford, N.J.

NFL BRIEFS

NFL plans to increase security inside and outside stadiums

NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL says it will increase security inside and outside its stadiums for Sunday's games, two days after the Paris terrorist attacks. Spokesman Brian McCarthy said Saturday that there will be more security and law enforcement personnel at the venues and in parking lots, along with other added security measures. A league statement says it has been told by the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI "that there are no known threats against NFL stadiums." The league says it has been in contact with home teams to reinforce its standard procedures, which include the use of metal detectors and a requirement that all bags brought into stadiums be clear. The league also says a moment of silence will be held before all games this weekend to honor the victims.

Peyton Manning also dealing with ribcage injury

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Another day, another injury for 39-year-old Peyton Manning. The Denver Broncos updated their injury report Saturday to add Manning's latest ailment, a sore ribcage. He's also dealing with a sore right foot but is still expected to play against Kansas City on Sunday. He's listed as probable. Last week, it was a sore right shoulder that bothered Manning. The Chiefs (3-5) have lost seven straight times to the Broncos (7-1) since Manning's arrival in Denver. The five-time MVP can break two of Brett Favre's NFL records Sunday. He needs three yards to become the league's all-time passing leader and another win to become the NFL's all-time winningest QB.

Rams' Joyner fined \$23K for hit on Vikings' Bridgewater

NEW YORK (AP)—St. Louis cornerback Lamarcus Joyner was fined \$23,152 by the NFL on Friday for his hit that left Minnesota Vikings quarterback Teddy Bridgewater with a concussion. Joyner made shoulder-first contact on Bridgewater, who returned to practice Thursday after his head hit hard against the turf early in the fourth quarter Sunday. Bridgewater is expected to start Sunday at Oakland. Tennessee linebacker David Bass was docked \$17,363 on Friday for a hit to the jaw of New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees, who needed stitches. Bass was penalized for roughing-the-passer on the play. Denver safety T.J. Ward was fined \$17,363 for a hit on Indianapolis wide receiver T.Y. Hilton—and \$5,787 for having his jersey untucked, a uniform violation. Carolina cornerback Josh Norman was also fined \$5,787 for a uniform-related infraction. Norman wore cleats last Sunday with the words "proud" and "brave" printed on them as part of the league's "Salute to Service" promotion. Players are not permitted to write messages on their equipment. Carolina's Roman Harper was docked \$8,681 for unnecessary roughness. He was penalized for tossing Green Bay tight end Richard Rodgers to the ground after shoving him out of bounds. Philadelphia wide receiver Jordan Matthews was fined \$5,787 for tossing a football into the stands against Dallas. Players are permitted to hand balls to fans after plays, but can't throw them into the stands because it can become a safety issue as fans try to pursue the ball.

ing pregame warmups. "It felt weird. Two things dawned on me that I am no longer the coach of the Jets: I was looking at the wrong side of the sheet when we were getting stats, and I spent six years coaching in green and white, and I look out there and my team is in red."

Buffalo's offense made just enough key plays and held off a late surge by the Jets after Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for two touchdowns.

"Yes, it really is (frustrating)," said Darrelle Revis, who Ryan referred to after the game as one of the best cornerbacks in NFL history. "There's a bad taste in my mouth right now, just how it all went."

The "Rexception" before the game was tame, with some boos, a few cheers, nothing over the top. The loudest catcalls came when former Jets defensive end IK Enemkpali, chosen by Ryan

as a team captain for the game, came out for the coin toss. Enemkpali famously broke Jets quarterback Geno Smith's jaw with a punch during the pre-season, was cut and claimed the next day by Buffalo.

Hardly a wallflower, Ryan, wearing a red vest, almost was lost on the sideline among his players in their garish scarlet uniforms. And the fans seemed to forget about him once the action began.

"I saw everyone waving 'Happy Day,'" Ryan joked.

That early action was dominated by some fierce defense. New York's blitzes kept Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor off-balance, and Buffalo got its first three points thanks to Corey Graham's interception off a bobble by Jets receiver Brandon Marshall. Carpenter kicked a 47-yard field goal to make it 3-3.

Duke Williams added to that immediately, scooping up a fumble by rookie Devin Smith on the first kickoff return of his career. Williams scooted 19 yards for a 9-3 lead, but Carpenter missed the extra point wide left.

Carpenter added a 41-yard field goal to make 12-3 at half-time, then kicked a 29-yarder midway in the third period after Chris Ivory's fumble. New York's turnover issued completely turned the game in Buffalo's favor.

That field goal followed rookie Karlos Williams's 26-yard TD reception on the first series of the second half. Williams became the second player in NFL history with a touchdown in each of his first six games, joining New England's Robert Edwards (1998).

The Jets finally held onto the ball long enough to get something going, an 80-yard drive

capped by Marshall's 14-yard scoring catch to make it 22-10. That woke up the crowd, and New York forced a three-and-out.

When New York reached the Buffalo 20, though, it eschewed a field goal and tried a strange pass to Marshall well behind the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-2. He was well covered and thrown for a 2-yard loss, then limped off, but returned on the Jets' next series.

Fitzpatrick hit Eric Decker for a 31-yard touchdown with 7:23 remaining, then got another golden chance a couple minutes later when Buffalo punter Colton Schmidt bobbled a snap and was tackled at his 13. But Ryan's defense held.

"We know coach Rex has all of our backs," said Rambo, who also forced two fumbles, "and we go out and do the same for him."

NFL to address concerns of fans puzzled by uniform colors

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—The NFL isn't turning a blind eye to fans who had difficulty distinguishing between the all-red Buffalo Bills and all-green New York Jets on Thursday night. League spokesman Brian McCarthy said the NFL intends to incorporate a colorblindness test when designing its "Color Rush" alternate jerseys for next season.

"The standard television test did not account for colorblindness for fans at home that became apparent last night," McCarthy wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "We will

enhance our testing to include a colorblindness analysis to better address this issue in the future."

McCarthy was responding to concerns raised by colorblind fans who couldn't tell which team was which during Buffalo's 22-17 win over the Jets. The Bills were dressed in scarlet red jerseys, sleeves, pants, socks and shoes. The Jets were decked out in Kelly green.

One of the viewers affected was former NFL kicker Lawrence Tynes, who posted a note on his Twitter account that read: "If you are colorblind like me, this NFL game is going to be

hard to follow."

Various studies have found that red-green color blindness is the most prevalent and affects 10 million to 13 million Americans, a vast majority of them males.

The game was the first of four on Thursday night this season in which teams will wear the alternate uniforms.

Next week, the Tennessee Titans will wear all blue in facing the bold-gold-colored Jacksonville Jaguars. The other games will feature Carolina (Panthers blue) at Dallas (white) on Nov. 26; and Tampa Bay (red) at St. Louis (yellow gold) on Dec. 17.

The promotion will expand next season, when every team will wear the alternate uniforms on Thursday nights.

Bills coach Rex Ryan became a fan of the all-red colors only after the Buffalo won.

"Yeah, you don't care how bad you look," Ryan said, with a laugh on Friday. "If you win, you're going to see it again. But it was different."

Ryan was surprised to learn about the concerns raised by colorblind fans, and said he wasn't aware of any of his players or staff experiencing similar problems.

Holly Holm stuns Ronda Rousey with 2nd-round knockout

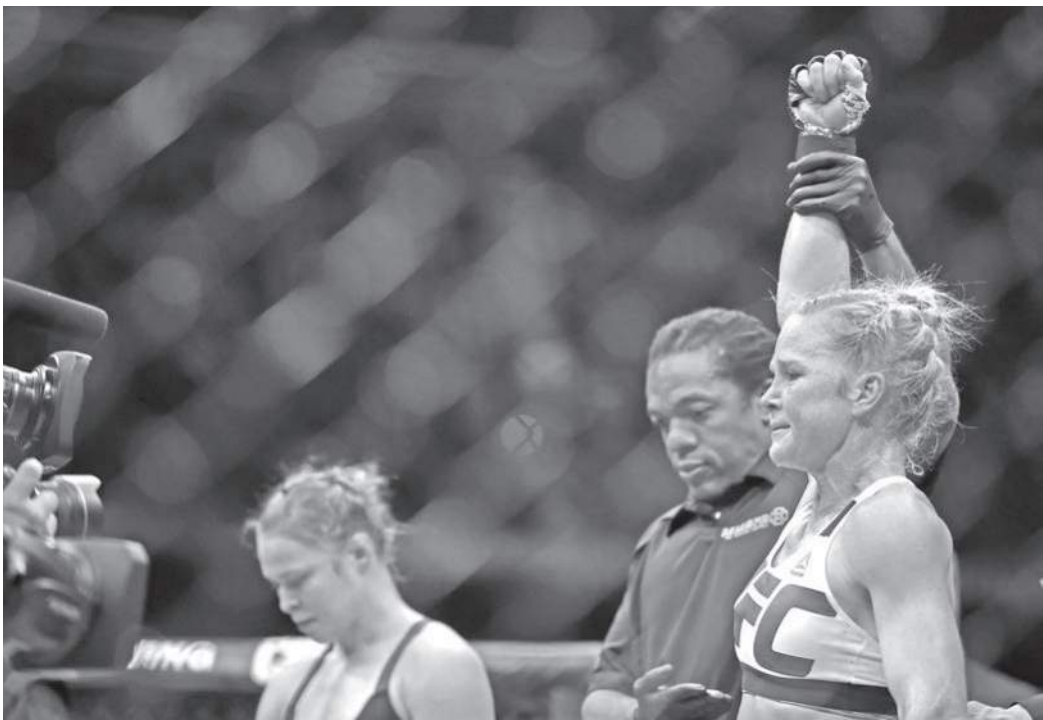
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Holly Holm pulled off a stunning upset victory over Ronda Rousey in UFC 193, knocking out the women’s bantamweight champion in the second round with a powerful kick to the head Sunday.

The fight started at a frenetic pace with Holm landing some powerful shots to the unbeaten Rousey’s head, leaving the frustrated champion with a bloodied nose at the end of the first round.

Rousey attempted to dominate the second round, pushing Holm around the ring until the challenger snapped a massive kick to the head that instantly dropped her opponent to the canvas.

Holm (10-0) jumped on the prone Rousey, delivering several blows to her head before the referee intervened. An ecstatic Holm jumped around the ring as Rousey received medical treatment amid the roar of a stunned record UFC crowd.

“I had so much love and support I just thought, ‘How can I



AP
Holly Holm, right, celebrates after defeating Ronda Rousey, left, during their UFC 193 Bantamweight title fight in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015.

not do this?” Holm said from the ring. “This right here is priceless.”

Rousey, a former judo Olympian, was unbeaten through 12 UFC fights before meeting

Holm, and a win would have been her seventh title defense. Instead, a veteran female boxer from New Mexico has the championship belt.

“I have to say that everything

that we worked on presented itself in the fight. Every grab that she tried to get and clinch on the cage, and I just had help with everything,” Holm said. “I have not spent this much time

in the gym before any fight of my life.”

Rousey left the stadium to receive treatment for facial cuts at a nearby hospital after the loss and skipped the post-fight media conference.

UFC chief Dana White said a rematch between Holm and Rousey made “a lot of sense” and would put other potential matchups on the backburner.

In the other title bout, a bloodied Joanna Jedrzejczyk outlasted Valerie Letourneau to successfully defend her straw-weight belt in a five-round slugfest.

Jedrzejczyk won a unanimous points decision over Letourneau, who offered the champion one of her tougher fights in some time.

After containing Jedrzejc-



zyk early on, Letourneau was slowed by a powerful front kick to the face with just over a minute left in the first round.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	3	.700	—
Boston	4	4	.500	2
New York	4	6	.400	3
Brooklyn	1	9	.100	6
Philadelphia	0	10	.000	7
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	8	3	.727	—
Miami	6	3	.667	1
Washington	4	4	.500	2½
Orlando	5	6	.455	3
Charlotte	4	5	.444	3
Central Division				
Cleveland	8	2	.800	—
Chicago	6	3	.667	1½
Indiana	6	4	.600	2
Detroit	5	4	.556	2½
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	7	2	.778	—
Dallas	6	4	.600	1½
Memphis	4	6	.400	3½
Houston	4	6	.400	3½
New Orleans	1	8	.111	6

Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	6	3	.667	—
Denver	5	5	.500	1½
Utah	4	5	.444	2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	2
Portland	4	6	.400	2½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	11	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	4½
Phoenix	5	4	.556	5
Sacramento	3	7	.300	7½
L.A. Lakers	1	8	.111	9

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	0	0	1.000	276	143
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	231	207
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	217	184
Miami	3	5	0	.375	171	206
South						
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	200	227
Houston	3	5	0	.375	174	205
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	170	235
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	159	187
North						
Cincinnati	8	0	0	1.000	229	142
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	206	182
Baltimore	2	6	0	.250	190	214
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	177	247
West						
Denver	7	1	0	.875	192	139
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	213	211
Kansas City	3	5	0	.375	195	182
San Diego	2	7	0	.222	210	249

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East				
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500
Washington	3	5	0	.375
Dallas	2	6	0	.250

South				
Carolina	8	0	0	1.000
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375

North				
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750
Chicago	3	5	0	.375
Detroit	1	7	0	.125

West				
Arizona	6	2	0	.750
St. Louis	4	4	0	.500
Seattle	4	4	0	.500
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meeting for reopening of JP World caging set



Organizers of the 2nd JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League and representatives of participating teams will meet this Friday, Nov. 20, to determine the reopening date of the 10-team competition.

It’s been more than three months since the league last played at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium where power has been restored early this month. Power was out and so did the basketball games at the Gualo Rai facility after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan last Aug. 2.

League coordinator Marlon Sison said the meeting will be held at 5pm at Mobil Middle Road and they will discuss the date suitable for the resumption of action in the second-edition of the league.

“We need the consensus of the representatives of the 10 teams. Some of their players may still be recovering from Soudelor so we need to find out when are they ready to play again,” Sison said.

Tan Holdings and Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Kentucky Fried Chicken are among the

participating teams in this year’s league and are currently tied for first place in the team standings with their similar 2-0 records. The co-leaders, incidentally, were the last teams to play in the league before games were suspended due to the destructive typhoon. Tan Holdings defeated Mariana Resort, 90-78, in the second game of the double-header last July 31 for a fitting follow-up of its season debut win over Joeten, 88-60.

MBI/KFC, on the other hand, came off a hard-earned 86-78 triumph against Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in its first

game before topping Docomo, 77-70, to remain unbeaten early in the season.

Close behind MBI/KFC and Tan Holdings is second-running Saipan Ice, which has played only one game so far and won versus Cape Air, 78-41. For the third spot, there is a three-way tie among Mariana Resort, Docomo, and Joeten, which hold identical 1-1 slates. Before bowing to MBI/KFC, Docomo dominated Top Development, Inc., 92-79, while Mariana Resort and Joeten both prevailed against McDon-ald’s 84-49 and 59-56.

Meanwhile, besides deciding

on the reopening of the league, organizers may also discuss the games schedule as there is an on-going league in San Antonio where players from some teams in the JP caging are seeing also seeing action and referees officiating, too. Another league, the Emon Lodge caging, is scheduled to open shop later this month at the Civic Center Basketball Court and that may also affect the schedule of the JP World league. Before the suspension of its games, the JP World caging has Monday, Wednesday, and Friday play-dates. *(Roselyn B. Monroy)*

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short after Typhoon Soudelor hit the island.

“We’re happy that despite of the shortened season, a lot of our youth players still manage to play and enjoy the game,” Zapanta added.

Tan Holdings U6 coach Ladyvir Canape said the shortened season did not dampen the spirit of their players.

“Our players were excited to play every week and they really

looked forward to the festival because they wanted to play more games after the season began late. We even had late registrants, who came in two weeks ago and then joined the festival this morning without a uniform,” Canape said.

Tan Holdings FC fielded about 30 players from the U6, U8, and U10 teams during the festival, as its U12 squad is playing in the competitive league.

Paire FC had more than 20 and U10 coach Maria Ornes said they have a lot of newcomers, who

have shown significant improvements in the last five weeks.

“We have kids who have never played football before, so we’re proud that despite the shortened season, they managed to learn some skills and improve. They are now out there (festival games), practicing what they learned from our past games,” Ornes said.

Shirley’s FC’s Daniel Macario is another festival first-timer. He coached the U10 squad of the club.

“It’s a very challenging work.

ments,” said Murig.

Funding is another problem for the current SLLBI board with Murig saying that they only have less than \$100 right now.

“Our funds are depleted and we also face that problem. The Legislature gives an annual appropriation of \$25,000 but we use that money to fund the travel costs for the district and regional tournaments. But right now, we’re thinking of also using some of the money for the coming season,” said Murig.

“Another possibility is to

write letters to seek support from the business sector. We know the impact made by Soudelor to all of us, especially the businesses but it is not bad to try,” said Murig, who added that in 2013 Saipan World Resort was the Saipan Little League’s corporate sponsor.

Former Saipan senator Rey Yumul (vice president), Malcolm Omar (secretary), Tom Guerrero (treasurer), Ton Camacho (player agent), John Manibusan (safety officer), and Joe Lizama (chief statistician) are the other SLLBI officers.

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events. She even finished second behind Adele Hudkins in a Serving Rally side event of last month’s NMIVA fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency Saipan’s sand courts.

The Serving Rally, a brainchild of volleyball coach Codie Sayles, has two players trying to serve as many balls in a five-minute time limit. Hudkins escaped with an 86-85 decision over All-Star teammate Gechig in the Serving Rally among the players.

In the Guam High School Volleyball Festival, the CNMI finished fifth overall behind eventual champion Yap, which

ing, especially here at the festival,” Macario said.

Matansa U10 coach Vie Peteru shared Macario’s views, saying seeing players enjoy every game make them love coaching.

“The players’ eagerness to play and learn encouraged us coaches to come out every week and guide them. They are really having fun out there,” Peteru said.

beat Notre Dame in the finals. Simon Sanchez bested St John’s for third.

The CNMI girls placed third after round-robin play but dropped to fifth after losing in the round of the playoffs.

“[Gechig had] a wonderful job keeping her teammates together and guiding them on and off the court. Her understanding and dedication to [volleyball] has gained her a lot of respect from [her] teammates and peers,” NMIVA said.

Gechig was also a member of the MHS Lady Dolphins that won back-to-back championships in the 2014 and 2015 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization volleyball season.

MJD eases past Triple J Motors

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MJD Enterprise coasted to an 89-70 win over Triple J Motors in their open division game in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Friday night at the San Antonio court.

MJD went to business midway in the third canto after a so-so performance in the first half en route to a 19-point winning margin.

Ahead by only a deuce, 48-46, MJD outgunned Triple J in the last five minutes of the third period, 19-6, to turn a 43-37 halftime advantage to a 67-52 spread, going into the final canto. Freddie Pelisamen led the breakaway as he reported back for the match after sitting out at the start of the second half and knocked in 7 straight points and 9 in the third. J.R. Del Castillo also came off the bench and contributed 6 markers in the pivotal quarter to give MJD a 15-point lead.

MJD was never threatened from thereon, as the closest that Triple J could get was within 9 points, 60-69 after

Perry Inos scored 6 of the losing team's first 8 points in the fourth frame. An 8-0 run by MJD off Cecilio Bisana's short jumper and back-to-back triples from Pelisamen and Melvin Deocares ended Triple J's chances for a comeback.

Pelisamen went on to top-score for MJD with his 23, while Del Castillo, Deocares, and Jerome Directo chipped in 10 apiece. Rey Pestillos paced Triple J with his 21 markers, while Inos added 14.

Meanwhile, in other open division results, Blue Haus routed Armatech, 74-55, while Pacific Islands Club won via forfeit against Ferrera Builders.

Blue Haus earned the double-digit winning margin as it gained momentum in the second half after Armatech gave the former a good fight in the first 20 minutes of play.

Blue Haus was just up by a hair at the end of the first half, 28-27, when Manalo Manalo recorded 8 of his squad's first 10 points in the third canto to create more space between them and Armatech. Marlon De Dios and Brendon Talania picked up where Manalo started in the third frame, combining for Blue Haus' last 10

points and lifting their team to a 50-41 lead, entering the fourth quarter.

In the final period, other Blue Haus players stepped up to keep the squad's safe distance.

GMJ/IKKI 86, VM Production 66

GMJ/ IKKI dominated VM Production for the 20-point winning margin in their Friday duel.

GMJ/IKKI played methodical basketball, as it built a 5-point cushion after the first period, 19-14, and increased its advantage as the game progressed.

Jun Pantaleon led GMJ/IKKI as he scored 16 points in his debut in the league. Allison Dizon also finished in double figures for GMJ/IKKI with his 14, while four of his teammates combined for 28 more points. Amor Zapat had 15 for VM Production.

OPEN Friday Game

MJD 89 – Pelisamen 23, Del Castillo 10, Deocares 10, Directo 10, Estolas 8, Bisana 6, Gamboa 6, Tarragoza 5, De Guzman 5, Bautista 2.

Triple J 70 – Pestillos 21,

Inos 14, Pangelinan 9, Geli 8, Obnimaga 4, Monkeya 4, Palacios 4, Jarabe 2, Gandeza 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-25, 43-37, 67-52, 89-70.

Thursday Game

Blue Haus 74 – Manalo 17, Talania 13, Moises 11, De Dios 10, Esdreton 9, Garcia 6, Fernando 2, Capalad 2, Berline 2.

Armatech 55 – Tolosa 13, B. Malasarte 10, Moreno 7, Galulu 6, Pablo 6, Asuhan 6, Park 4 J. Malasarte 4.

Scoring by quarters: 14-8, 28-27, 50-41, 74-55.

MASTERS

GMJ/IKKI 86 –Pantaleon 16, Dizon 14, Sedillo 8, Cortez 8, Binuya 6, Galulu 6, Saplan 4, Balgos 2.

VM Production 66 – Zapata 15, Sanchez 14, Marcelo 8, Ramos 7, Francia 6, Brillo 5, Manipon 3, Catacutan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-14, 45-32, 63-47, 86-66.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

MJD Enterprise's J.R. Del Castillo unloads a point-blank shot as Triple J Motors' Ian Obnimaga is late on defense during the third quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Friday at the San Antonio court.



John tops weekly darts tournament



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Jayson "The Fire" John, third left, joins the other competitors of last Wednesday's weekly darts tournament at the Jokers Bar & Restaurant in Garapan.

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Jayson "The Fire" John lived up to his nickname and was right on target last Wednesday night to rule the Saipan Electronic Darts Association's weekly Bud Light tournament held at the Jokers Bar & Restaurant in Garapan.

John was unstoppable and completed his victory by beating Jun Santos in the finals. He also defeated Paul Quizon, Roy Tereyama, and Santos in the elimination round.

Santos began his campaign with victories over Darrol Atalig and Jeff Barit but was relegated to the losers bracket after dropping his first meeting with John. He faced Barit in their semis

match in the losers bracket to earn the right of facing early qualifier John.

The result, however, was the same as John won't be denied of the win.

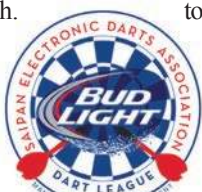
Barit finished third while Atalig came in fourth. Tereyama, Boom Cruz, and Quizon placed fifth, sixth, and seventh to complete the list of participants.

Last Wednesday's tournament could be one of the last as SEDA is about to start the 2015-2016 Winter/Spring season on Nov. 30 where all seven players are expected to join their respective teams that would compete in the eight divisions.

SEDA recently held a captains meeting to plan the new season where they would still implement the same league rules used in the previous seasons.

Interested teams who want to join in the eight divisions—Masters, A, Ladies, Tuesday B, Chichirika and Kingfisher C, and Thursday Fanihi and Flame Tree B—have until Nov. 23, Monday, to sign up.

Jonny's Bar & Grill, VFW Post 3457, Blue Koi Tavern, Sands Café & Bar, Jokers Bar & Restaurant, Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, 6JMS Sports Bar, Doro's Lechon, and Oleai Beach Bar & Grill will be sponsoring teams this season.



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Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez is counting on his familiarity on the fighting style of Mark Abelardo when they collide in Pacific Xtreme Combat 50 on Dec. 4 at the University of Guam Calvo Fieldhouse in Mangilao.

Alvarez, who is undefeated after seven fights with three knockouts, said he and Abelardo of Team Quest Thailand (11-4 with 6KOs) are good friends and even hung out a couple of times when they both fought in PXC events in Manila, Philippines.

However, their friendship will be set aside in their scheduled three, five-minute rounds in one of the six undercard bouts of the Frank "The Crank" Camacho-Tyrone "Bones" Jones main event for the PXC lightweight belt.

Josh "Chaos" Duenas (4-5) and Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (10-2), Alvarez's stablemates at Trench Tech Gym, are also on the fight card facing Kai-whare Kara-France (10-5) and Japanese pro Kentaro Watanabe (10-7), respectively.

"But come fight day in December, we're just going to set aside our friendship and will get down to business. I have always been ready," added Alvarez, who had a four-month training camp to prepare for his second fight in 2015.

Alvarez, the reigning Trench Warz 145-lb champion, said he saw Abelardo fought against Filipino bets Harold Banario and Ernie Braca in separate PXC events in the Philippines.

"I've been watching him and I was sitting at ringside when he defeated Banario last June 13," said Alvarez, who also won his bout against Braca after the latter was disqualified after kicking a grounded fighter on the head, in the same fight card.

Abelardo's wins over Banario and Braca were both by KO through punches. His first win was in the 4:30 mark of the first round and his next was only in 1:30 after the opening bell.

Alvarez will be climbing the

PXC Terrordome on a seven-fight win streak and is fresh from that victory over Braca, while the Filipino-Kiwi Abelardo, who was born in New Zealand to Filipino parents, suffered a unanimous decision loss against Trevin Jones in PXC 49 last Aug. 7 that ended his own seven-bout winning run.

"I know he is a bit of both a ground and stand-up fighter. He can also punch since he has a number of wins by knockout. But I've studied him and know how he fights. I'll just give it my all and will have a different technique against him," added Alvarez, who did not go into more details on his fight plan against Abelardo.



JON PEREZ

Roman Alvarez will try to see what will be the result of his four-month long training when he faces Mark Abelardo of New Zealand in the Pacific Xtreme Combat 50 on Dec. 4 at the University of Guam Calvo Fieldhouse.



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Over 200 join NMIFA fall youth festival



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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association concluded its shortened fall season for the non-competitive age group with a festival that drew more than 200 participants at the Koblerville Elementary School Field last Saturday.

"It was a good turnout. Players still came out to play every weekend despite of the late start for the fall season and then majority of them attended the festival," said NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta.

The festival, which had U8, U10, and U12 age group teams from Paire Football Club, Matansa FC, Shir-

ley's FC, Tan Holdings FC, MP United FC and Kanoa FC playing 20- (for U8) and 30-minute games (for U10 and U12 divisions) from 8am to 1:30pm, came just five weeks after the participating squads had regular matches at the various school pitches on Saipan. The fall season, which usually lasts for more than two months, was cut

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Matansa Football Club (yellow uniform) and Tan Holdings U8 players chase the ball during their game in the NMIFA youth fall festival last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Ballfield.

Gechig lone winner for NMSA monthly award

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Gechig

K n o h l y n n Gechig earned the Northern Marianas Sports Association's October Female Student Athlete of the Month after no other member federation submitted nominees for the monthly honors.

All local tournaments were cancelled after most of Saipan's sports facilities were damaged when several typhoons hit the island the past few months.

Good thing there were several off-island events and tournaments where CNMI athletes saw action in with NMSA giving out the monthly award for July, August, September, and October.

Teen netters Carol Lee (July and August Female Student) and Robbie Schorr (August Male Student), Jonah Pohl of football (September Male Student), and swimmer Victoria Chentsova (July Female) were the monthly athletes of the month.

There were no Male Athlete nominees for July, August, September, and October and Female Athlete for the months of August to October.

Gechig was the team captain of the CNMI U19 girls volleyball All-Star team that competed in the U19 Girls High School Volleyball Festival Tournament in Guam. Games were held on the weekend of Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 at the St. John's School in Tumon.

The 16-year-old Marianas High School Lady Dolphin, according to the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association's nomination form submitted during the meeting, has been an active participant in the CNMI volleyball community.

Gechig has participated in most of the volleyball tournaments on the island, whether in beach or indoor

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SLLBI head Murig ready to face challenges

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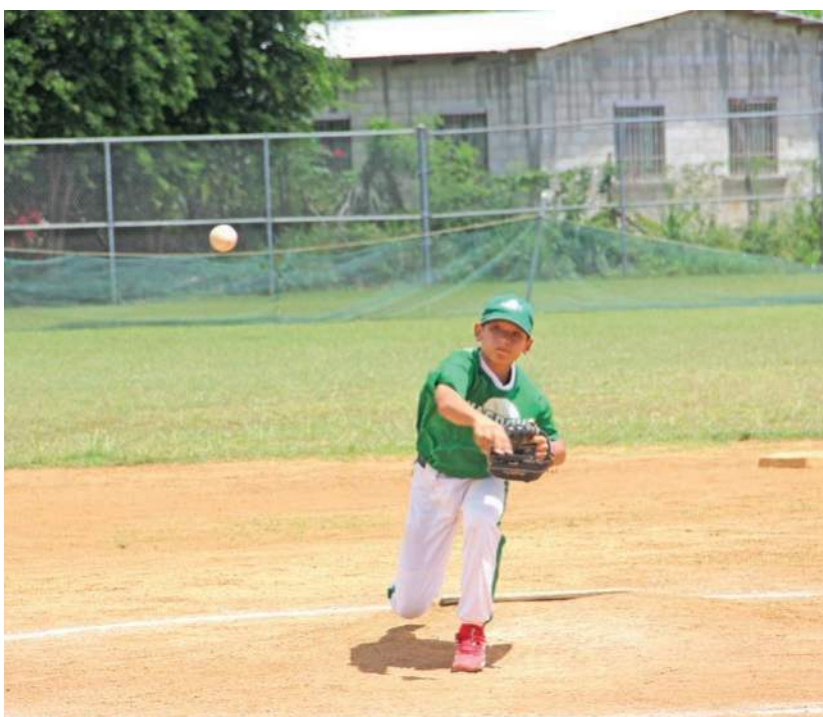


Newly elected Saipan Little League Board Inc. president A.J. Palacios Murig said he and the rest of the officials are ready to face the challenges as they prepare to open the 2016 season of the Commonwealth's longest-running youth baseball program.

Damage at the Francisco M. "Palacios" and Miguel Basa "Tan Ge" Pangelinan ballfields and depleted funds to start the season are among the challenges that the new SLLBI board is facing.

But Murig, one of the grandsons of CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios, is optimistic that the current SLLBI board will hurdle the obstacles.

"Despite all the problems we still remain optimistic. All it takes is commitment. We know that we're facing a lot of problems but the board thinks we can overcome everything if we all worked together," said Murig, who was elected as the youngest SLLBI presi-



JON PEREZ

The Saipan Little League Board Inc. expects the opening of the 2016 season would be delayed since both the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios and Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan ballfields are awaiting repairs.

dent by the seven-member board.

The "Tan Ko" baseball field and the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan softball field have suffered major damage after Typhoon Soudelor.

"We know both fields are damaged that's why we're going to discuss with Tony Rogolifoi how we can help since the board feels that we are obligated to assist because we are the main users of both fields and where our leagues are played for years," said Murig.

The former Saipan Little League chief statistician added that one of their plans is to use other fields on the island like the ones in Kan Pacific in Marpi, Dandan, and Capital Hill.

"There are a lot of other fields that we could use and it was also brought up in one of our meetings. Using other venues is our back up plan. As much as possible we want to continue using both fields at the Oleai Sports Complex since it is more accessible," said Murig.

Murig added the board is still target-

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